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Time out today for local authority elections

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Parties and candidates are expected to make an all-out effort to get voters to the polls in today's local-authority elections, but just how large the turn-out will be remained very much of an open question last night.

To encourage voting, today is an official work holiday. Last-minute efforts to cancel the holiday as being too costly to the economy were defeated in the Knesset yesterday (see separate story).

Some 2.6 *million Israelis, as well* as temporary and permanent residents, are entitled to vote.

Banks, post offices, and department stores will be closed, and food shops and supermarkets will be open until nine a.m. On Sunday night, the Ministry of Industry and Trade's food section called in leaders of the bakers association and arranged for normal baking of *bread last night, and for delivery to* shops this morning.

This morning, Interior Minister Yosef *Burg will tour polling places* in Jerusalem to check on preparations. He said yesterday that his ministry had taken all measures to assure the secrecy of the vote. He added that the law provides for severe punishment of anyone threatening voters or in any way dis*turbing order at polling places.*

The processing of tallies from around the country will take place through the *night* at *Binyenei* Ha'uma in the capital, under the supervision of Election Commissioner Meir Shaham.

In Haifa, all shops will be closed with the exception of groceries which will be open until 9 a.m. to enable customers to buy essential food items.

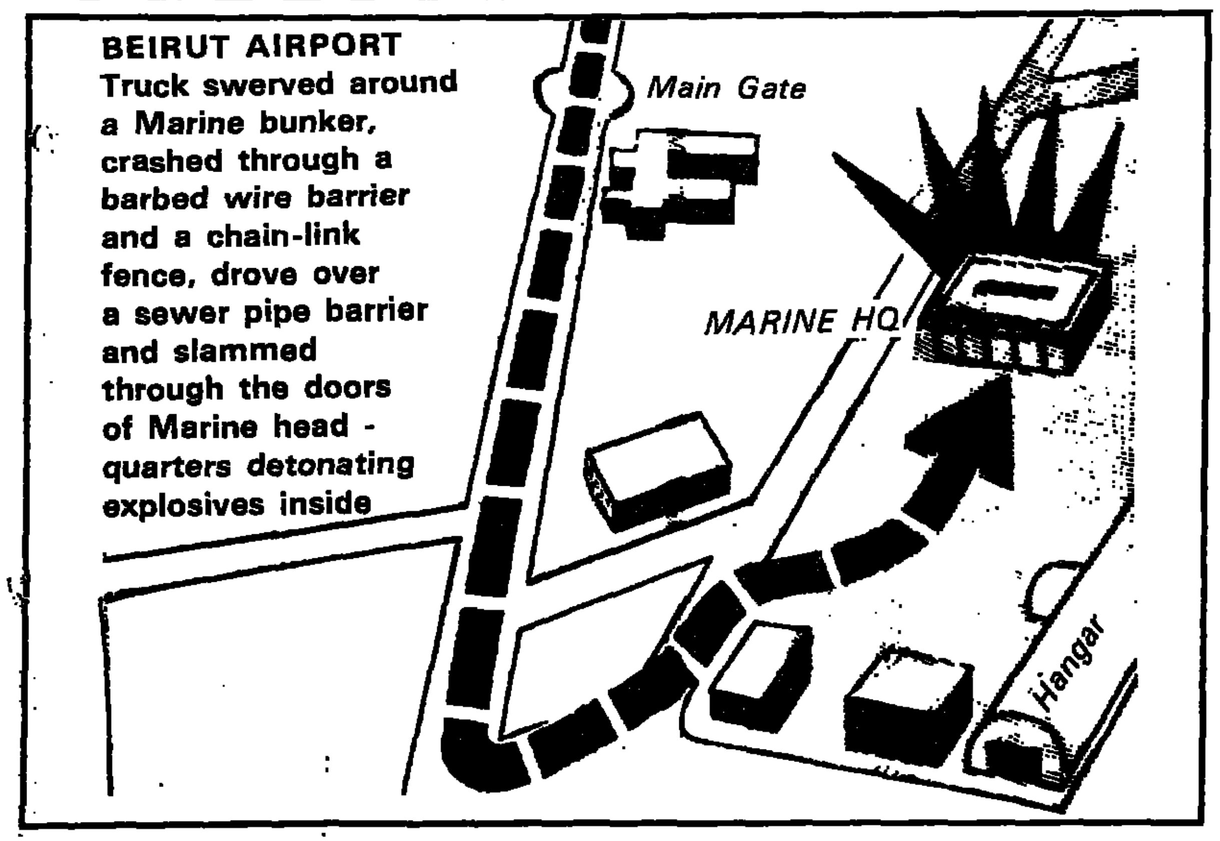
A spokesman for the city's *General Merchants' Association* said it had advised its members to close, in accordance with the Knesset *decision.*

Kol Yisrael radio's Second Programme will provide running coverage of the elections until the final results are available tomorrow.

Israel TV will offer an expanded midnight news broadcast with about half an hour of elections coverage. No TV *news special will be broad*cast tomorrow morning, but an expanded *Mabat* will pre-empt tomorrow's *Moked* interview programme, with summaries of election results.

Hundreds of Jerusalem shopkeepers announced they will open for business as usual despite the official work holiday.

Acting on inquiries from his members, Avraham Birnbaum, secretary of the Jerusalem Merchants' *Association, yesterday* asked the Interior Ministry's legal department whether the law *prohibits operation of retail* businesses today. Birnbaum told *The Jerusalem Post* last night: "I was told that the law declaring the day of municipal elections of 1983 as a work holiday does not mention any penalties for businessmen who do not shut their premises.


BEIRUT AIRPORT
Truck swerved around a Marine bunker, crashed through a barbed wire barrier and a chain-link fence, drove over a sewer pipe barrier and slammed through the doors of Marine head - quarters detonating explosives inside
Main Gate
MARINE HQ
Hangar

Map shows the route of explosive-laden truck which was driven into Marine headquarters in Beirut on Sunday. (UPI)

No panic sale of bank shares

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange *reopened yesterday* for the first time since October 6 with bank-share holders selling only a fraction of their holdings.

Several days ago there were expectations *that $1 billion* worth of bank shares would be thrown on the market, but only $300 million were offered for sale.

However, the total market value *of the country's bank shares on Oc*tober 6 stood at $7.2b. Yesterday this fell to $4.8b., reflecting a one-day loss in value of $2.4b.

Long before the announcement of the pricing of the shares the trading floor of the exchange took on the appearance of a Roman circus with *a slight touch of Hollywood, with* television and film crews present in large numbers.

Opening the session was Yosef Nitzani, the general manager of the stock *exchange. Nitzani was bleary*-eyed but upbeat when he declared, "It is our hope that the re-opening of the stock exchange after the single longest stoppage in its history will mark the beginning of a new era." He had been up all night supervising the receipt of the orders *for bank shares from the various* banks that reached the exchange by about midnight.

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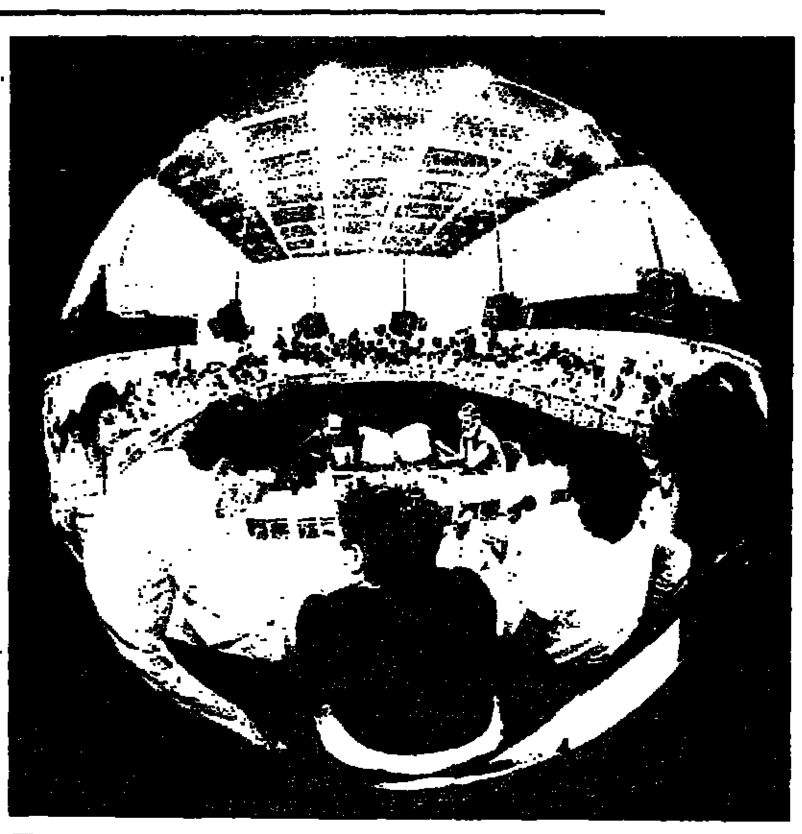
Orgad predicts big deficit cut

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's crushing $5.1 billion balance-of-payments deficit will be halved within 24 months, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad predicted yesterday.

Addressing the Association of Political Consultants at Jerusalem's King David Hotel, Cohen-Orgad said: "We will increase our exports by 15 per cent between now and the end of 1985, and at the same time reduce our imports by 7 per cent. I know it won't be easy, and many *Israelis will, at least temporarily,* have to reduce their standard of living."

The new minister also used the occasion of his first public appearance to praise "Israelis" rational and calm behaviour, having halted their buying spree of foreign *currency and now turning in droves* to buy government debentures — an investment that in dollar terms has been appreciating at the rate of 25 per cent annually."



The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange as seen yesterday through fish-eye lens. (Assaf Shiloh)

More gov't intervention in shares is likely

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The government will need to continue its intervention in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange to support the price of bank shares in the coming days, financial analysts said yesterday after the first day of trading since October 6.

The drop in the value of bank *shares would have been larger if the* government had not purchased some IS11 billion worth of these shares at the new level of prices. The decision on the amount to be spent to support the prices of shares was taken by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad and Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum after learning of the figures for the total selling orders.

Financial analysts said yesterday the government had decided to let the value of shares drop by 17 per cent to *diminish* the volume sold. It was therefore required to buy $150m. worth of shares.

The analysts observed that some of the shares not sold yesterday will probably appear in the coming days making necessary a further intervention by the government.

Speaking to the Knesset Economic Committee, Mandelbaum *said he hopes that the* public will act rationally and will purchase bank shares at the new price levels.

The bank governor announced he will consult with the Justice Ministry about drafting a bill to prevent regulation of bank share yields by the banks in the future.

Banks to open tomorrow evening

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — All *banks* will be open tomorrow afternoon from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"This step — which will probably not be repeated next week — was taken to provide our customers with better service," one spokesman bank said. "All banks will be closed by law during the municipal elections today, and the extra hours are needed on Wednesday to help customers who want to place buy or sell orders on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange."

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of the Jewish Agency
now taking place in Jerusalem
to discuss the expansion of practical cooperation and mutual involvement on
a personal level of Israel and Diaspora Jewry.

Mitterrand in surprise visit to Beirut

BEIRUT. — President Francois Mitterrand yesterday made a surprise seven-hour visit in a show of support for France's 2,000-strong *peace contingent, which until Sun*day had suffered more casualties in Lebanon than the U.S., Italian and British put together.

The French head of state also had talks with Lebanese President Amin Jemayel, but he made no statements before leaving for home.

Amid tight security, Mitterrand flew from appointment to appointment around the city by helicopter.

Upon his return to Paris, Mitterrand reaffirmed France's commitment to defend Lebanese national independence and the balance of forces in the world.

Gen. Paul Kelley, commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, meanwhile left Washington for Beirut as part of a presidential delegation on a similar mission.

*Responsibility for the twin explo*sions, which shook Beirut within seconds of each other at dawn Sunday, has been claimed by the previously unknown "Free Islamic Revolutionary Movement."

An anonymous caller to an international news agency said two *members of the movement,* described as Mujahideen (Islamic warriors), died in the operation.

A second organization, Islamic Jihad, yesterday claimed responsibility *for the bombings. Islamic* Jihad is one of the underground groups that telephoned claiming responsibility for the April 18 attack on the U.S. Embassy in Beirut in which 69 people were killed.

U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger said on Sunday night that very strong circumstantial evidence pointed to an Iranian role in the attacks, and the White House said President Ronald Reagan had decided to retaliate once the *perpetrators were identified.*

Marine Commander Col. Timothy Geraghty said a U.S. investigation was already under way. "It is intense and will continue to be until we find out who did this," he said.

A team of Lebanese officers *visited the sites yesterday to in*vestigate technical aspects of the bombings. Previous Lebanese inquiries into such operations have rarely found the culprits.

Military experts said the force of the explosions, one of which was estimated at 900 kilos of TNT, would *have blasted all the evidence into* fragments.

If the U.S. intelligence reports prove correct, the trail would probably lead to the southern suburbs of Beirut, where local residents say radical pro-Iranian Shi'ite Moslems have at times held posi*tions on the front facing the* airport.

Two marines have been shot dead this month by snipers firing almost daily from the suburb of Bourj al-Barajneh and other mainly Shi'ite areas not yet under Lebanese army control.

Iran yesterday officially denied any involvement in the blasts. IRNA, the official Iranian news agency, said the denial was issued by a Foreign Ministry spokesman in Teheran.

"Speaking in response to charges *against the Islamic republic by* Secretary of Defence Weinberger, the spokesman said that because of its *inability to grasp the resistance* of the Lebanese people against the multi-national forces, the U.S. was trying to divert world public opinion by blaming this or that country for its repeated setbacks and justifying its weaknesses in Lebanon," IRNA reported.

In Damascus, meanwhile, Syria also officially denied responsibility for the attacks.

"Mr. Larry Speakes, deputy press secretary of the White House, has declared that the U.S. is examining the possibility that the terrorists launched their attack with Syria's

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CONDOLENCE BOOK — Follow*ing the bombing of the U.S.* Marine headquarters in Beirut, the American Embassy in Tel Aviv will have a condolence book in the lobby of the Embassy for those who wish to pay their respects. The Embassy hours are 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Reagan vows revenge, but won't take 'risks'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Ronald Reagan yesterday said that the U.S. has "strong circumstantial evidence" as to who was responsible for Sunday's terror *attack* on the marines' headquarters in Beirut, and bluntly warned that the guilty parties will be punished by the U.S.

The punishment is "for us to know and for them to find out," the president's spokesman, Larry Speakes, said.

A high-level U.S. delegation will visit Israel next week to discuss the situation in Lebanon and other matters pertaining to Middle East security, *Israel Radio reported last* night. News of the visit was announced by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. The delegation will be led by Undersecretary of State Lawerence Eagleburger.

Reagan rejected proposals that the U.S. take a considerably more active military posture in Lebanon. That, he said, would risk entering into direct combat against Arab *states and might even bring about* "a world war."

While Reagan did not reveal the "circumstantial evidence" when he met with reporters at the White House, other officials, including Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger, have tended to blame *Iranian-backed Lebanese Shi'ite* Moslems.

The Americans also are ex*amining some reports linking* Syrian — and perhaps even Soviet — intelligence organizations to the incident, which has resulted in 186 marine deaths with the toll mounting.

Reagan, in a prepared statement followed by extensive questioning, *sought to place the turmoil in* Lebanon within a broader East-West superpower framework. Thus, he spoke of the region's "strategic" importance to the U.S., Western Europe and Japan, predicting "a disaster" if "a force took over the Middle East." He was referring to the Soviet *Union.*

"The free world can not stand by and see that happen," he said.

*Reagan has dispatched the com*mandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. John Kelly, to Beirut to inspect the damage and to make proposals for an adequate response in terms of future protection for the U.S. troops.

The president confirmed that the new headquarters of the Marine contingent in Beirut might be based off shore aboad one of the U.S. *ships in the Mediterranean.*

He also made clear the U.S. was not about to simply leave Lebanon. "The mission remains and it remains unfulfilled," he declared.

The State Department said Secretary of State George Shultz will fly to Western Europe in the *coming days to confer with his* counterparts from France, Italy and Britain — the countries which have joined the U.S. in the 5,000-man peace-keeping unit in Lebanon. They are to meet next Saturday, but a venue has still to be decided.

White House spokesman Speakes

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Grim work of digging out the dead

Death toll in Beirut passes 200 mark

BEIRUT. - - Stripped of their shirts and down on their knees, a half dozen marines yesterday laboriously pulled hunks of concrete from the *rubble that once* was a command centre at Beirut airport, as the death toll from Sunday's bomb attacks on French and American peace-keepers passed 200.

The latest official counts put the number of dead at 205 — 183 U.S. Marines and sailors and 22 French paratroopers. They were killed on Sunday when two suicide bombers *detonated vast quantities of* explosives at their Beirut quarters.

Below the rocky crust of the command centre was the body of a marine, one of scores trapped and killed the day before *when a terrorist* drove a truck into the building and detonated a ton of explosives beneath more than 250 sleeping marines.

Such scenes have been repeated dozens of times since 6:20 a.m. on Sunday when the four-storey building was reduced to a one-storey pile of debris.

A similar search is going on two kilometres away, where an almost-identical attack within minutes of *the marine bombing collapsed one* nine-storey French paratrooper command post to a five-metre high pile of concrete slabs and twisted steel rods. Another 38 paratroopers are believed buried in the rubble.

At the American site, another 50 *marines are believed to be buried in* the ruins. "There's always hope," Marine spokesman Wayne Jones said as cranes, bulldozers, pneumatic drills and blowtorches *were brought to bear on the* piles of concrete slabs that once formed part of a headquarters building.

But minutes before he made his statement rescue workers pulled a corpse from the wreckage and took it away in a green body bag. They reported no live marines found in *the ruins since Sunday afternoon.* The marines said they do not know how many servicemen may still be trapped.

After more than a day of rescue work, it looked as if the heavy rescue equipment had hardly made any impression on the crumpled *building.*

The rescuers have had to work carefully, fearing that those sections of the building still standing might collapse.

The blast completely ripped out the core of the building, where up to 300 marines were sleeping on cots, *most on the second and third floors.* Where the lobby had been, the bomb left a crater 13 meters across and 7 metres deep. In the bottom was the crankshaft of the truck, the only thing left of it.

The devastation at the French building was almost identical. The explosive-laden truck used there *was driven into an underground gar*age before it exploded.

The entire structure collapsed on itself, leaving a pile of wreckage about eight metres high.

Following Sunday's attack the marines have stationed a heavy truck of their own manned by a machine-*gunner at the main entrance to their* compound.

Additional vehicles block other gates and marine guards carefully check identity cards.

Dozens of sailors from U.S. ships offshore swarmed through the disaster area searching for papers, clues to the attack and other items lying among the debris.

U.S. chaplains have been working hard to comfort the survivors of the blast.

One chaplain said he also had to console a young Lebanese woman who had just married a *marine she* met only a few months ago.

They had returned from their honeymoon one day earlier than planned — Saturday — and he was blown up at dawn on Sunday.

Arens tells why we're in Lebanon

By ASHER WALLFISH
Psot Knesset Correspondent

Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday that there is no way of assuring the security of Galilee without the presence of Israeli troops on Lebanese soil. The question is how to do that while occupying the minimum area of Lebanese territory with the minimum number of soldiers and for the shortest period possible.

Speaking in the Knesset Foreign *Affairs and Defence Committee,* Arens said in a reference to the terror attack on the Marines in Beirut *that* "Congress and *U.S. public opinion* know very well why the marines are stationed in Beirut. Not on our behalf, at any rate."

Arens said: "We did not ask for the marines to come to Beirut. Their presence there has nothing to do with the security of Israel. They arrived after the Sabra and Shatila episode at the request of the Lebanese government to prove that the U.S. did not identify itself with Israel's operation in Lebanon."

The minister also said that all legal *measures would be taken* to put an end to IDF officers talking out of turn to the press. This was in *reference to a recent interview in Monitin* about IDF intelligence performance in Lebanon given by *Tat-Aluf Dov* Tamari.

In Kiryat Shmona, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy intimated yesterday the Syrians were behind Sunday's bombings.

"We have no doubt that it was done by some power which wants Lebanon occupied," he said. "This wasn't done by some anonymous group, because no little group could *have done it without help from the* intelligence services of a certain state."

He added that he was sorry that Americans and Europeans did not understand from the beginning that it was impossible to come to an agreement with Syria.

Questioned about the possibility of the Israel Defence Forces closing the crossing points over the Awali River, Levy said, the *matter was un*der study by IDF experts.

In the Knesset committee, *Yitzhak Rabin (Alignment-Labour)* said that the Beirut outrage was the greatest coup yet attained by terrorism in the Middle East.

He said that just as Israel had deluded itself when it first went into Lebanon, the U.S also deluded itself when it sent the marines in, and now its delusions were melting away. "Lebanon's problems will not be solved by the presence of American troops," he said.

Rabin noted that terrorism in Beirut was on the increase. "It's time we talked a bit less about destroying the PLO terror machine," he said.

He said far too many statements were heard in Israel which could be interpreted as a call to the U.S. to *stay in Lebanon. "The entire* Lebanese episode could easily wind up as an Israel-American fiasco," he warned. "If we wait until the Lebanese Army assumes responsibility for security, we shall have to wait years, and even that may not be long enough," he warned.

Rabin said it would be better if the IDF, instead of hanging on in *Lebanon waiting for the unknown,* should make do with whatever security could be afforded by the *Haddad* and the Shi'a militias, supplemented by UNIFIL.

Yosef Sarid (Alignment-Labour) said that Israel was always the ultimate target of terrorists, whether they were PLO or Druse or Shi'a or Khomeiniists. "Lebanon is still terror state number-one," he said.

Mordechai Gur (Alignment-*Labour*) said the government must find a way to strike up a dialogue with the Syrians.

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GENEVA	0	32	11	52	Clear
HELSINKI	8	46	9	48	Cloudy
HONG KONG	23	73	24	75	Cloudy
JOHANNESBURG	16	61	22	72	Clear
LISBON	12	54	21	70	Cloudy
LONDON	7	45	13	55	Cloudy
MADRID	12	54	22	72	Rain
MONTREAL	1	34	9	48	Cloudy
NEW YORK	9	48	15	59	Rain
OSLO	2	36	10	50	Clear
PARIS	3	37	15	59	Clear
RIO DE JANEIRO	19	66	28	82	Rain
SAO PAULO	17	63	21	70	Cloudy
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Nahariya	55	15—26	26
Safad	42	12—22	23
Haifa Port	69	20—26	26
Tiberias	48	16—29	30
Nazareth	18	15—24	25
Afula	49	18—27	27
Shomron	58	14—23	24
Tel Aviv	62	16—24	25
B-G Airport	59	15—26	26
Jericho	44	15—30	30
Gaza	65	12—25	26
Beersheba	39	12—26	27
Eilat	25	18—30	30

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker, Menahem Savidor, yesterday greeted Japanese Ambassador Harunori Kaya at the Knesset.

ARRIVALS

Phyllis Sitker, national president of Pioneer Women/Na'amat of the U.S., for meetings of the board of governors of the Jewish Agency and Na'amat.

Prof. Wilbur Cohen of the University of Texas and former U.S. secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, to participate in the meetings of the board of governors of the Centre of Social Policy Studies in Israel.

Women as rabbis

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — The faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York last night voted 34-8 to admit women into a rabbis' training course.

Fatah men reported captured by Navy

A senior Fatah officer and one of Yasser Arafat's bodyguards were recently captured by the Israel Navy on a ship in the Mediterranean, Israel Television reports.

The report quoted a story in the *Al Wattan Al Arabi* weekly that the two were on a ship headed for Tripoli, Lebanon, that was intercepted by the Israel Navy. (Itim)

B-G Airport chief Yisrael Hod, at 46

Yisrael Hod, 46, director of Ben-Gurion Airport and deputy-director of the Airports Authority, died of a heart attack during the weekend while on a study tour in Los Angeles. His body is to be flown here today and the funeral is to take place tomorrow.

Hod, a resident of Magdiel, was a sgan-aluf (lieutenant colonel) in the reserves. He worked at the airport for the past 23 years, the last five as director.

Last month Hod was cited by the Tourism Ministry for improving the service and appearance of the airport.*(AZ)*

BASKETBALL

Hapoel Tel Aviv beat Macabbi Tel Aviv 84:80 in an exciting derby in Tel Aviv last night.

Other Results:
Hap. Afula Haemek 77; Hap. Haifa 71
Mac. Kiryat Motzkin 81; Mac. S. Tel Aviv 68
Hap. Upper Galilee 86; Mac. Haifa 81
Betar Tel Aviv 68; Hap. Holon 52
Hap. Ramat Gan 77; Mac. Ramat Gan 76

MK Aloni accuses bank of shady share deal

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Shulamit Aloni (Alignment-CRM) said yesterday that the United Mizrahi Bank apparently had bought shares from its own directors while the stock exchange was closed, to give the directors full value for their shares while leaving the way open for the bank itself to get compensatiom from the government.

A spokesman for the bank said there was "no foundation whatsoever" to the Aloni's charges.

Aloni said she had copies of stock-exchange documents to the effect that following October 6, the day of closure, Mizrahi bought IS2.7 billion worth of shares at the rate prevailing on October 6 from its senior directors. She said ordinary shareholders were stuck with their shares while the senior directors were apparently able to come to a profitable arrangement that left them safe financially.

Aloni told the committee she was fraud of the public exchequer." She persuaded the Knesset State Control Committee to ask the Controller of Banks Galia Maor and Securities Authority director, Eliezer Shiloni to investigate.

Aloni told the committee she was sending copies of the documents to the police fraud squad.

She said that Mizrahi's purchase of Tefahot mortgage bank shares (which accounted for two-thirds of the package bought from Mizrahi directors after the stock exchange closed) was very grave in its implications. Mizrahi owns Tefahot, and its shares that were not covered under the Treasury umbrella were likely to suffer a serious fall from which the directors would thus be spared.

The bank spokesman said Mizrahi had the major voting rights in Tefahot. Through an affiliate, Mizrahi was regulating the shares of Tefahot, he said. This affiliate had acquired shares valued at IS34m. of Tefahot and Mizrahi had bought these shares from its own affiliate.

The transaction took place on October 10, and since Mizrahi was a dominant shareholder in Tefahot, it had informed the stock market of this transaction, as required by law, the spokesman said. This information was published by the stock market on October 16, he added.

"No Mizrahi director, and no senior official of Mizrahi, benefitted personally in any way by this transaction," the spokesman said. "It was an ordinary business deal and duly reported to the relevant authorities."

Zamir memo on inside information

The sale of shares by bank officials on the basis of inside knowledge is illegal, Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir yesterday informed Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum and Securities Authority Chairman Eliezer Shiloni.

Zamir's opinion was contained in a memorandum to the two men and was based on section 52-C of the Securities Law. Zamir added that major stockholders of banks are also barred from selling their shares when they have advance notice of banking moves.

The penalty for violating this law is one year in jail or a fine up to IS100,000.

Zamir did not deal in his memorandum with the question whether any such violations had actually been committed recently. But he asked the Securities Authority to check whether there was any evidence in this direction, and to inform him.

The Securities Authority is investigating the case of two directors from Bank Leumi and Bank Hapoalim who had sold bank shares on the eve of the closure of the stock exchange, Shiloni said yesterday.

Speaking to the Knesset Economics Committee, Shiloni said there were a number of reports of apparent use of "early knowledge" by banks' directors who had sold bank shares, but that it was very difficult to know how substantial such reports were.

REAGAN

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told reporters the U.S. does not yet know for certain who was responsible for the terrorist attack, which has apparently resulted in the worst single-day U.S. casualty rate since the Korean War. U.S. experts said they could not recall any day during the Vietnam War when more U.S. soldiers were killed and injured.

On Capitol Hill, there was continued outrage expressed by numerous members in the House and Senate. But many leaders, including House Speaker Thomas O'Neill of Massachusetts and Senate majority leader Howard Baker of Tennessee, rejected proposals that the U.S. simply pull out of Lebanon. That, they said, would reward terrorism and underline U.S. weakness.

There was no indication yesterday that the administration was about to accept the advice offered by former secretary of state Henry Kissinger on Sunday that the U.S. expand strategic and military cooperation with Israel to make the balance of power in the region more favourable to the U.S. and the West, and less so to Syria and the Soviet Union.

"I don't think Syria will withdraw unless the balance of power within Lebanon changes, and I must point out it is an amazing phenomenon *that the Israeli army is sitting* 20 kilometres from where Americans are being killed and that there seems to be no coordination between our policies at all," Kissinger said.

In his opening statement, Reagan said the U.S. has "vital interests in Lebanon and our actions in Lebanon are in the cause of world peace."

Reagan repeatedly insisted that impressive diplomatic progress had been achieved in Lebanon over the past year. He cited the cease-fire negotiated by National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane. The presence of the marines was absolutely essential to further progress, he said.

Reagan said that the most difficult aspect of the entire incident for him involved the personal telephone calls which he had to make to parents of killed marines.

The Pentagon has been slow in identifying the bodies, he said, because so many of the soldiers were asleep, without their identification tags around their necks. This has been additional "cruel punishment" for parents and other relatives of the soldiers.

Reagan said the attack against the U.S. and French soldiers was "a horrifying reminder of the type of enemy that we face in many critical areas of the world today — vicious, cowardly and ruthless."

He said that "If Lebanon ends up under the tyranny of forces hostile to the West, not only will our strategic position in the eastern Mediterranean be threatened, but also the stability of the entire Middle East, including the vast resource areas of the Arabian Peninsula.

"In conjunction with our multinational force partners, we're taking measures to strengthen the capabilities of our forces to defend themselves. The U.S. will not be intimidated by terrorists, We have strong circumstantial evidence linking the perpetrators of this atrocity to others that have occurred against us in the recent past, including the bombing of our embassy in Beirut last April. Every effort will be made to find the criminals responsible for this act of terrorism so this despicable act will *not go unpunished.*"

Defence Minister Moshe Arens was yesterday described by well-informed sources here as being extremely disappointed that "the Reagan administration did not accept Israeli proposals to use nearby Israeli medical centres — especially the Rambam Hospital in Haifa. Instead, the wounded Marines were flown a considerably further distance to hospitals in West Germany and Italy. Some severely wounded Marines died in transit.

In addition, the sources said, Israel offered the Americans use of sophisticated bulldozer and engineering equipment to help remove the rubble. But that, too, was rejected.

What the U.S. did accept from Israel, the sources said, were plastic bag covers for the bodies of the marines.

U.S. officials suggested that Defence Secretary Weinberger and some others were still extremely sensitive to any military or strategic relationship with Israel that was publicly seen as too close. Such steps, he is said to fear, would upset America's friends in the Arab world.

Drivers on Jerusalem's Gaza Road yesterday are forced to run an obstacle course by repair works. (Rahamim Israeli)

Israel warns Germans on selling arms to Saudi Arabia

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel has made it clear to West Germany that it will not accept any differentiation between "defensive" weapons and "offensive" weapons in the context of possible West German arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

The deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry, Hanan Baron, summoned the West Germany charge d'affaires yesterday and asked him to convey this position to Bonn.

The move follows recent indications by the West Germany government that it would be prepared to discuss with Riyadh supplies of Roland anti-aircraft missiles and Gepard anti-aircraft tanks for the Saudi armed forces. West Germany has consistently refused to consider supplying Saudi Arabia with its Leopard II tanks and Bonn officials draw a distinction between the Leopard — which they characterize as an offensive weapon — and the anti-aircraft armaments — which are regarded as defensive.

Baron referred to the "responsibilities" towards Israel imposed upon West Germany by its recent history. He pointed out to the charge d'affaires, Franz Sikora, that Saudi Arabia preached a policy of *Jihad* (holy war) against Israel.

Hitherto, Baron observed, West Germany had maintained a policy of avoiding any armed sales to protaganists in the Middle East conflict. Israel, he said was "concerned" that this restriction might now be eased.

Jemayel must yield for talks to succeed, Jumblatt warns

Jerusalem Post Staff
and agencies

Lebanese Druse leader Walid Jumblatt said yesterday concessions from the ruling community in Lebanon were required for the success of the proposed Lebanese national reconciliation conference.

Asked whether he expected concrete results from the conference due to open in Geneva later this month, Jumblatt said "It is too soon to tell, but what is required are concessions from the ruling community in the interest of the majority of the Lebanese people."

Lebanese President Amin Jemayel told a late night emergency session of his cabinet on Sunday that he was determined to convene the reconciliation conference in Geneva on schedule next Monday despite the weekend bomb attacks on U.S. Marines and French soldiers in Beirut.

Jemayel leaves on Saturday for a two-day state visit to Switzerland.

In Geneva, plans for the conference went ahead yesterday despite the bombing.

The conference is due to begin in Geneva on October 31, the Lebanese Embassy in Berne said.

Preparations to hold it in Geneva's Intercontinental Hotel are continuing and virtually all the major factions will be represented, First Secretary Abdullah Comate said.

"Far from deterring us from holding the conference, I think the terrible events of the weekend have underlined its importance. The killings have hopefully convinced all sides that a solution must be negotiated," he said.

The only major figure likely to be absent from the conference, Comate said, was Raymond Edde, one of the three main Christian leaders before the 1975 civil war. Edde has been living in Paris.

Geneva protocol chief Robert Vieux confirmed that preparations for the conference were going ahead. "We have been asked to host it by the Lebanese Government and our only contact is with the government. Their request still stands, so as far as Geneva is concerned the conference is on," he said.

KNESSET BRIEFS

Tax-loss bid by businesses runs into a roadblock

Post Knesset Staff

Business firms which bought shares during the closure of the stock exchange with the object of incurring losses for income-tax purposes will not be credited with losses, under a bill that passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday.

The amendment to the Income Tax Law (Taxation Under Inflationary Conditions) was presented by Haim Kaufman, whose re-appointment as deputy minister of finance had been announced a moment before by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad.

The original law subjects business firms to income tax on profits from their securities, but individuals who hold securities are exempt.

Kaufman said that this distinction *opened the door to deals, while the* stock exchange was closed, in which for example, the main stockholders in a company sold their shares to the company without a loss, with the company intending to write off as a tax loss the anticipated drop in the price of the shares when the exchange re-opened.

Women's status

The dismissal of Nitza Libai-Shapiro, the prime minister's adviser on women's status, by the new minister-without-portfolio Sara Doron (Liberals), drew protests from three Alighment MKs yesterday.

Shoshana Arbeli, Edna Solodar and Dov Zakin complained that Doron's appointment of Ethia Simha instead was a political move to get rid of a professional who had worked for two years to produce a report on the status of women.

Arbeli and Solodar complained that the Knesset Social Affairs Committee had not even taken the trouble to discuss the Libai-Shapiro report, even though the plenum had referred it to the committee.

Zakin recalled that Doron had not "lifted a finger to improve women's status in Israel, and had supported legislation to curtail abortions."

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Most candidates hoping for high voter turn-out today

Just over 12 hours before ballot booths opened in Jerusalem, local politicians finished revising their stacks of lists and were hoping — for different reasons — for a high tournout of voters.

Mayor Teddy Kollek's One Jerusalem faction believes that a turnout of over 55 per cent might assure it the city council majority it seeks. In the last election about 50 per cent voted, and One Jerusalem got 16 of the 32 seats on the city council. One Jerusalem spokesman Baruch Leshem said yesterday that a turnout of over 60 per cent would be bound to give Kollek the council majority.

The Likud was also hoping for a high turnout — but only in those neighbourhoods where there is a high percentage of its sympathizers. A major part of the Likud campaign has been directed at those Jerusalemites who vote for the Likud in Knesset elections and for Kollek in municipal elections.

The various religious parties were also hoping for a high turnout. Agudat Yisrael, threatened by rival lists, needs every vote it can get among the ultra-Orthodox to maintain its present strength. Of course, the rival ultra-Orthodox parties also want a high turnout so they can hurt the Aguda.

Meanwhile, the Tadir-Matzad Party obtained an injunction yesterday forbidding the National Religious Party from distributing a handbill with a *Yediot Ahronot* facsimile headline falsely suggesting that Tadir-Matzad was expected to fold and join the NRP.

The last-minute ploy was leaked to Tadir-Matzad by outraged rank and file members.

Tadir-Matzad learned the NRP started distribution of the handbill in the suburb of Neve Ya'acov. It appealed to High Court Justice Meir Shamgar, chairman of the Central Elections Committee, who issued the injunction forbidding distribution.

Arab voters

The municipal elections will be held today in 46 Arab and Druse villages whose eligible voters will total 171,000. This number is larger by 35 per cent compared to those who could vote in the elections held in 1978.

This time the number of lists belonging to parties of local clans or are independent is 357. This figure is 24 per cent larger than the number of lists that participated five years ago.

In these elections 24 lists affiliated with parties are in the running. *The Likud backs* 11 lists, the National Religious Party six, Tami one and Labour six. Labour, however, indirectly supports 68 per cent of the total local lists in the Arab sector.

The struggle in the Arab villages is between Labour, whose members and followers run 19 local councils, and betweeen the Communist-backed Democratic Front which run 20 councils. In Nazareth, the struggle is between the Democratic Front which has governed city since 1975 and the National Progressive list, a new group, whose organizers broke away from the Democratic Front last year due to differences of opinion between them.

Ashdod

There are seven candidates running for mayor in today's elections in Ashdod with three lists in the race for 17 city council seats. There are 46,717 people registered to vote.

In Ashkelon there are five candidates running for mayor. Two lists are contesting the 17 council seats. There are 36,653 people registered to vote.

Today is work holiday despite last-minute bid in Knesset

Post Knesset Reporter

On the eve of local elections, the Knesset yesterday failed to overturn the decision to make election day a work holiday.

At the request of Alignment faction chairman Moshe Shahal, Speaker Menahem Savidor yesterday invited Shahal, Likud faction chairman Ronnie Milo, and Elections Commissioner Meir Shaham to try to reach some agreement, even at the 11th hour to save the economy a tremendous loss in output.

Shahal proposed the cancellation of the work holiday, and Milo countered with a proposal whereby work would carry on as usual until noon and the polling places would open at 1 p.m. Shahal was willing to accept the half-holiday part of Milo's idea, but insisted that the polling places open at 7 a.m. The meeting ended without result.

Later yesterday, the subject was injected into the debate on a bill on questionable securities transactions (see separate story), in which Milo was participating.

In response to interjection by Imri Ron (Alignment-Mapam), Milo gave his version of what was behind the dispute.

He said that the reason for the Alignment's insistence that the polling stations open at 7 a.m. was that "you have no problem mobilizing people to man the polling stations."

"*I can't afford that luxury,*" Milo said. "I don't have Bank Hapoalim, Hevrat Ovdim, and the kibbutzim who would presumably give party activists the day off. My people in Kiryat Shmona won't leave their work to serve at the polling places."

Shahal then gave his side of the story. From the beginning the Alignment had been opposed to the work holiday. Two weeks ago Milo had a change of heart and agreed that the Likud would co-sponsor, with the Alignment and the National Religious Party, a bill to repeal the holiday law.

Jail escapee nabbed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Police yesterday caught the second of two prisoners who escaped from the Shatta prison on Friday.

Rafik Jabrin, 28, of Umm el-Fahm, was apprehended as he entered his home village. He had been making his way there on foot over the last two days.

The other escapee, Maurice Abede of Nahariya, was taken into custody Sunday near Afula.

Rubin Academy

The Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music and Dance has purchased the former School of Social Work building at the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus.

The 4,500-square-metre building, once renovated, will more than double the space at the academy's disposal.

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deeply mourns the untimely passing of

ISRAEL HOD

Director of Ben-Gurion Airport
Deputy Director-General of the Airports Authority

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Regarding Israel's sacrifice last year for the peace of Lebanon, Isaiah (29:22) prophesied — **Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.**

American and French families and servicemen can take comfort in the same scripture: there is nothing vain or unworthy in paying a high price in the pursuit of peace, and in support of this betrayed and helpless people.

We commend the Americans, French and Israeli governments and peoples for continuing to pay whatever it costs to rescue the afflicted Lebanese people from their violators.

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ollowing death of Misgav Ladach patient:

Hospital ordered to halt surgery

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Health Ministry yesterday instructed Misgav Ladach Hospital in Jerusalem to close its surgical department for two weeks for "reorganization," after the committee investigating the death of a patient there reported its findings.

Details of the report were not made public because "there are legal proceedings pending," a high-ranking ministry official told *The Jerusalem Post* last night. But he pointed out that the temporary shut-down of Misgav Ladach's surgical activities is "a serious step and speaks for itself."

Misgav Ladach's medical director, Dr. Michael Stark, told *The Post* last night that the hospital is "taking the committee's recommendations very seriously and will implement them to the letter." He said that the reorganization refers mainly to "personnel changes and a review of procedures."

Ministry director-general Prof. Baruch Modan, who appointed the panel, yesterday met with the Misgav Ladach administration to inform it of the ministry's decision to stop all surgery there, except for emergency procedures, for two weeks.

All other activities at the hospital will be carried on as usual, according to the ministry's directive. This includes examinations, non-surgical treatment and births (except for high-risk deliveries which could entail surgery), Stark said last night.

The committee was set up to look into the quality of medical care extended to Regina Suissa of Jerusalem, who fell into a coma while undergoing a gynecological operation under general anesthetic at the hospital last month. The anesthesiologist during the operation was the chief of the anesthesiology department at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital.

Suissa, 26 and the mother of two small children, reportedly stopped breathing during the operation and slipped into a coma. She was transferred immediately to the intensive-care unit at Shaare Zedek, where she died last week without ever having regained consciousness.

The family is preparing a suit against the hospital and the doctors, and the ministry is also considering taking disciplinary action — based on the Physicians' Law — against the doctors involved in the incident.

'Poor should be paid, not subsidized'

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

While subsidies for basic commodities make a considerable contribution to the food budget of poor families, the same results could have been obtained with only a fourth of the expenditure. This is one of the main findings of a study conducted at the Centre for Social Policy Studies in Israel.

Speaking at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday, the author of the study, Yosef Gabai — formerly deputy state revenue commissioner — said that the system of subsidies and transfer payments implemented by the government reduces by some 20 per cent the inequality in income distribution among families.

But Gabai said the same reduction could be achieved if the government abolished subsidies for basic commodities, and established a system of direct payments to poorer families. If this were done the expenditure would be some 25 per cent of what the Treasury now spends on subsidies.

Gabai added that Israelis carry perhaps the heaviest tax burden in the world. Taxes paid to the Treasury, the local authorities and the National Insurance Institute represent some 57 per cent of the country's Gross National Product, as compared with some 50 per cent in Scandinavian countries.

Because the tax rate is high, it must be imposed on all income groups, and not only on the rich. Thus the poorest 10 per cent of families pay one third of their income in taxes, while the richest 10 per cent pay some 44 per cent.

Presenting the research findings yesterday were the former Labour and Social Affairs minister, Israel Katz, who is the centre's director, and Ralph Goldman, the Joint Distribution Committee executive vice president.

It was the third research report issued by the Centre, a non-profit organization which deals mainly with policy issues on the public and government agenda.

The study reveals that before taking subsidies and welfare payments into account, the poorest 10 per cent of families in 1979 earned some 18 per cent of the average income. But as a result of the tax system, subsidies and welfare payments, this proportion of average adjusted income rises to some 50 per cent.

Gabai added that when the system of subsidies and welfare payments is taken into account, the figures show that the poorest 10 per cent of families receive some 18 per cent of their incomes from the government, while the richest 10 per cent pay some 40 per cent of theirs to the authorities.

NII: Average wage rises to IS45,122

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The average wage as calculated by the National Insurance Institute (NII) is now IS45,122 — about 25 per cent higher than the quarterly-adjusted figure for July, and 154 per cent higher than a year ago.

The NII spokesman said that the adjustment for October pushes the monthly salary ceiling for computing wage earners' payments to the NII up to IS135,000. The poverty line for a single person is now about IS11,300.

Other adjustments for this month include a 33 per cent increase in old-age and survivors pensions, which includes a 25.5 per cent quarterly adjustment and a 7.5 per cent increase as compensation for the recent wave of price rises. NII benefits for low-income groups, rose by 25.8 per cent, including a special compensation of 12 per cent.

Large families with four or more children were given a 12 per cent increase in benefits in addition to the 19 per cent increase for all child allowances. A family with four children whose head has done military service now receives IS9,923 per month, while the allowance for a family with three children is IS4,888.

An elderly couple with other sources of income now receives a basic benefit of IS11,643 monthly, while a couple eligible for an NII income supplement gets IS18,952 a month. A widow with two children who is eligible for an income supplement receives IS22,783, or a bit more than half the average wage.

Jewish Agency board to decide on Kotlowitz

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jewish Agency Aliya Department chairman Raphael Kotlowitz's chances of being reappointed are still uncertain with the agency board of governors set to begin two days of meetings tomorrow. The board's main task will be to grant official approval to the appointment of 13 members of the agency executive.

The new chairman of the board of governors, Jerrold Hoffberger of Baltimore, this week declined to tell *The Jerusalem Post* how the 31 Diaspora fundraisers in the 62-member board will act on the Kotlowitz problem. But Diaspora opposition to Kotlowitz, on the grounds that the Herut loyalist has been "unable to communicate with Diaspora Jewry," is well known. The board, comprised equally of World Zionist Organization Representatives and "non-Zionist" fundraisers, has veto power over who will head agency departments.

Kotlowitz (Zoom 77)

Kotlowitz is known now to be ready for a compromise that would allow him to remain in the department for another year and then to retire quietly after that — two years before his term was due to expire. He has hired attorney Amnon Goldenberg to sue the board of governors if they press to dismiss him, but he hopes such action will not be necessary. The vote on his chairmanship is due to take place Thursday.

Ironically, if Kotlowitz is ousted as chairman of the Agency's aliya department, he would still be in control of immigration from the U.S. and other Western countries. The aliya department of the World Zionist Organization is responsible for Western immigration, and he received the chairmanship of that department earlier this year when the Zionist General Council met.

The board of governors will also discuss budgetary matters, Project Renewal, long-term planning, Jewish education and the "Caesarea Process," aimed at reorganizing the relationship between the Zionists and the non-Zionists in the agency.

Close border to Lebanese cars, police ask

ROSH HANIKRA (Itim). — The police have asked the Interior Ministry to bar entrance into the country of Lebanese vehicles, and thus prevent the smuggling of explosives and drugs.

According to the police request, Lebanese visitors would leave their vehicles at parking lots here and at the other border crossing point at Metulla. They would then use taxis and public transport to travel in Israel.

In the meantime, Lebanese continue driving into Israel, but their vehicles are being checked closely for explosives and drugs.

CORNERSTONE. — The cornerstone was laid yesterday for Ofarim in Samaria.

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backing and instructions," the statement said.

"This statement, which makes accusations based on probabilities and assumptions, indicates a lack of responsibility.

"It also shows that some U.S. officials are trying to justify their inability to grasp facts in front of the American people by seeking any pretext to cover up such inability, their wrong policies and the events and sufferings resulting therefrom.

"The insinuations voiced by some U.S. officials against Syria now and then are futile.

"We do not hesitate to admit anything we have done, and at the same time we do not care about other accusations against us for what we have not done... especially when such accusations are in the context of a continuous policy hostile to Syria and the Arabs in general," the statement added.

Syria's government newspaper *Tishrin* yesterday described the attacks on U.S. and French troops as operations carried out by the Lebanese national resistance against the supporters of Israel.

"The two operations, carried out by the Lebanese national resistance, should be regarded as part of the confrontation with Israeli occupation, whoever supported it and whoever continues to maintain its presence in Lebanon," the paper said in an editorial.

In Beirut, the independent *A-Nahar* called the bombings "Pearl Harbour 1983."

Rightist-controlled newspapers and radio stations of the Christian Phalange Party blamed both bombings on Iran, saying Syrian and Iranian secret servicemen had teamed up to stage them.

"The Syrians provided the explosives and the trucks while Iran provided the men to carry out the attacks," charged the "Voice of Lebanon" radio station.

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(Michael Freidin)

How to assess the local election results

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — It would be erroneous to take today's local election results and project them on a national scale, because there are too many complex factors involved in the voting, according to political experts.

The only exception would be in the event of a clear debacle for one party or an overwhelming landslide for another. It would take a major upset to indicate any great change in the public mood and its attitude to the government and major parties.

Sarah Shemer, director of the Modi'in Ezrahi Research Institute, which conducts polls for *The Jerusalem Post*, and other clients, stresses that the chief factor to keep in mind before making analogies between local returns and national politics is that the Knesset elections are not being held now.

However, Shemer notes that her research points to some connection between local and nation-wide voting patterns. "This is what our research has shown, though the partisan sympathies of the voter are not necessarily his primary consideration in local campaigns. Hence, it is not easy to judge what the voting patterns in one sort of elections would mean for another."

Shemer says that people generally say their main consideration in a municipal poll is the personality of the mayoral candidate, then comes the state of affairs in the locality, and only finally, does party affiliation, if any, play a role.

Statistically, however, she notes, there is a correlation between support for a certain party in the Knesset race, and support for the same party on the municipal level. But that correlation is far from complete.

She also feels that the state of the economy could have some impact on the voting today — to the Likud's detriment. She says her research has shown that people satisfied with their economic situation are more likely to be satisfied with the government and vice versa. It might be that the recent economic upheavals would serve as some sort of a lever too for the opposition in today's local polls to create a protest vote.

But it is not clear whether this would have any lasting significance in regard to Knesset elections which could be scheduled anytime in the next two years.

Much also depends on the success and luck of a given party in choosing a strong local candidate. Victory for a candidate like Jerusalem's Teddy Kollek need not indicate anything about the real strength of his party, because of his own personal popularity. Likewise, a party can make a mistake picking a weak candidate, whose failure need not necessarily be interpreted as a swing away from his party.

The Likud, for example, is split in several cities and it would thus be hard to assess its degree of success or failure in cities like Haifa, Holon, Rishon Lezion, Ashdod and Lod.

Shemer advises instead to see whether powerful Likud candidates like Tel Aviv's Shlomo Lahat repeat the extent of their 1978 landslide, or if their city council lists drop significantly in strength, despite the mayoral candidate's re-election.

A good showing need not necessarily be a victory, she adds. "Thus, if in Holon, Israel's fourth largest city, the Likud even as much as manages to increase its representation or force the powerful Labour mayor Pinhas Eylon into a second round, it would be able to congratulate itself. All is relative."

The council races as distinct from mayoral races should be watched — especially the margin of victory or loss. The size of the shift, if any, may be more important than the simple victory or defeat.

Row abates over motives for protection of share values

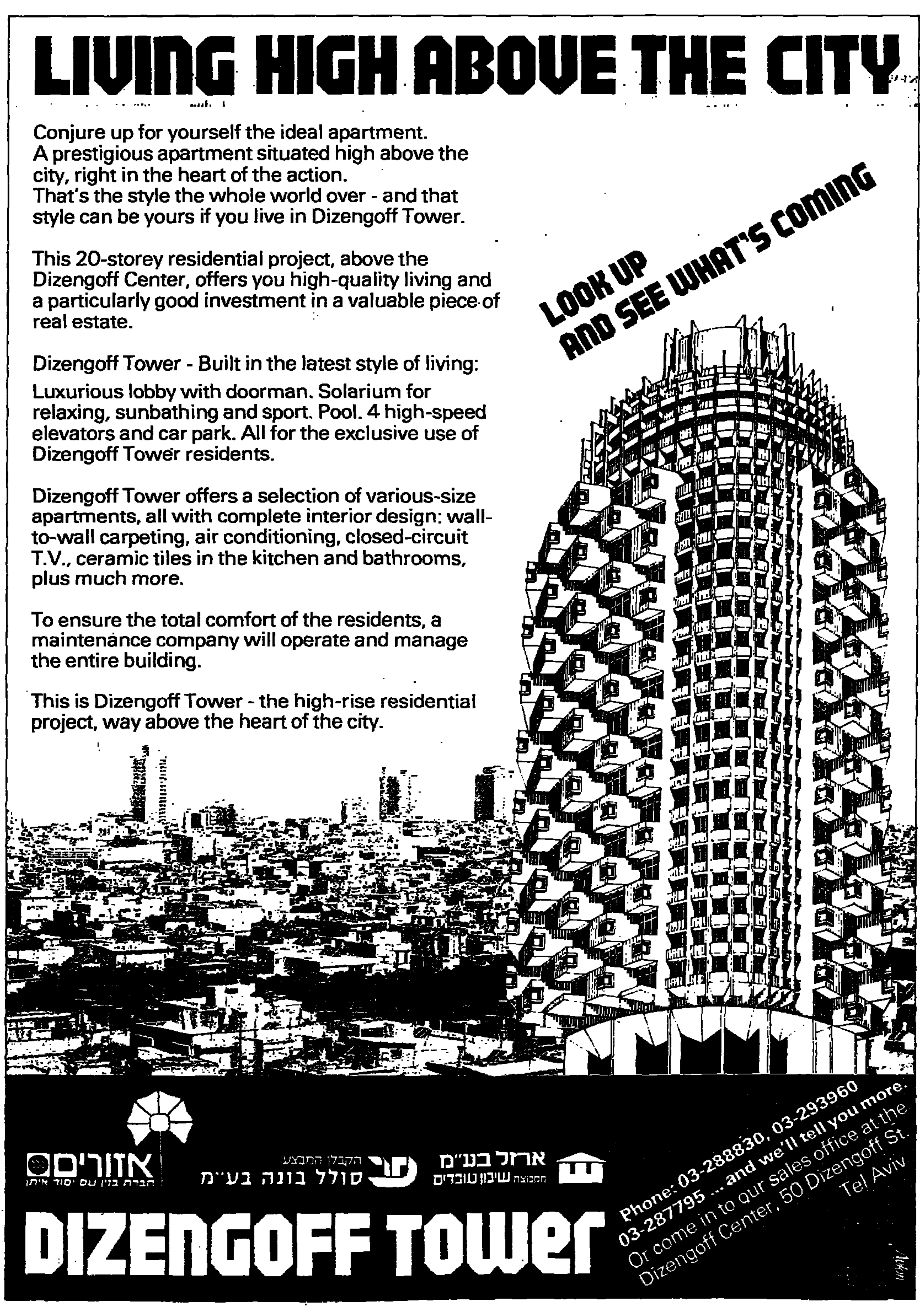
By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The controversy on whether the government sought to influence today's local elections by shoring up bank shares abated yesterday. This followed from the fact that government intervention was less than predicted and that share values were allowed to fall more than 15 per cent.

Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman, who is co-chairman of the Likud's local elections campaign, denied there was a plan to protect bank shares to minimize electoral damage to the Likud.

"What was done had nothing to do with the elections. The aim was to protect the small investor and the stability of the banking system," he said. "The fact that there was no panic selling of bank shares (yesterday) is an indication of responsibility and calm on the public's part, as well as a faith in the system. The government intervention was very minimal," Kaufman said.

Though Labour's shadow finance minister MK Gad Ya'acobi did not repeat charges by some of his party's mayoral candidates that the government is buying votes, he strove to pour cold water on Likud satisfaction with the stock market's performance yesterday. He cautioned that "the voters would be well advised not to rejoice yet at the fact that the blow they had suffered was not as great as they had feared. The economy is entering a very difficult period of both runaway inflation and deep recession and stagnation. The economy will be unstable and that could have untold effects on the stock market in future," he predicted.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World leaders denounce Beirut bombings

NEW YORK (AP). — Leaders of nations around the world denounced the bombings that killed scores of American and French troops in Beirut on Sunday.

Lebanese President Amin Jemayel expressed "deep sorrow" over the bombings and said families of the victims "have the consolation that their brave sons died in a foreign land in defence of freedom and democracy."

Pope John Paul II, his voice filled with emotion as he stood before a crowd of 80,000 in the Vatican's St. Peter's Square, said "a great sense of sorrow...surges from the soul." He said, "It is a new act of war in the moment in which, profiting from a fragile cease-fire, attempts were being made to re-establish dialogue."

Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal, who has tried to help mediate the Lebanese conflict, said, "We hope that bloodshed will not obliterate the optimistic picture that emanated from the recent cease-fire," he said.

Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali of Egypt expressed shock and called "for restraint for sake of peace from superpowers and all parties in the area."

In Moscow, the Communist party newspaper *Pravda* repeated its claim that the marine contingent had violated its peace-keeping mandate by fighting with some Lebanese factions. U.S. Marine spokesmen have said all such action was defensive.

There was no immediate reaction from the Soviet-backed Syrian government, which the U.S. has accused of aggravating Lebanon's troubles to promote its own interests. Its official news agency's accounts of the attacks contained no government comment.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl sharply condemned the "criminal attack in Beirut" in personal messages of condolence to Reagan and Mitterrand.

Turkish President Kenan Evren wrote to President Reagan expressing abhorrence at the bomb attack and conveyed sympathy and condolences.

Brazil's President Joao Figueiredo sent a telegram to Reagan protesting what he called a "barbarian" attack. Similar telegrams were sent by Figueiredo and Foreign Minister Ramiro Saraiva Guerreiro to their counterparts in France.

South Korean President Chun Doo-Hwan cabled messages yesterday to Reagan and Mitterrand expressing sorrow and sympathy over the explosions.

Egyptian official says Palestinian planned Sadat killing

CAIRO (AP). — The assassination of president Anwar Sadat and subsequent acts of violence were part of an attempt to seize power and were masterminded by a Palestinian, according to Interior Minister Hassan Abu Basha.

In an interview published in the weekly *Mayo* yesterday, Abu Basha emphasized the connection between the president's murder and the string of terrorist events which followed.

"Evidence proves that the goal was a seizure of power. The killing of President Sadat was only one link in the chain of conspiracy, some of them successful, and others failures," Abu Basha said, adding that the abortive actions included the blowing up of churches and mosques in an attempt to precipitate factional strife between Egypt's Moslem majority and the Christian minority. Sadat was gunned down by Moslem fanatics of the "Jihad" (Holy Struggle) group on October 6, 1981. This was followed two days later by a major attack on security forces in the southern city of Assiut in which more than 100 lawmen lost their lives, and bomb attacks on police barracks in Cairo.

"I would like to emphasize that the conspiracy was not local. A foreign hand was directly involved," Abu Basha said. "The organizing head of all those (terrorist) operations, the planner, director, and mover, was a non-Egyptian of Palestinian origin."

The minister did not identify the Palestinian by name, and made no mention of his current whereabouts.

Abu Basha also said that a separate underground organization which he called "The Islamic Vanguard," had acted as liaison between the Jihad and unidentified Iranians.

"There was a special arrangement whereby they formed a link between the Jihad and some Iranian personalities," Abu Basha said without elaborating.

Sadat's killers were tried and executed. The trial of some 300 other members of the Jihad on charges stemming from the terrorist incidents continues in Cairo.

Iraq confirms new Iranian offensive, but denies gains

NICOSIA (AP). — Fierce fighting continued to rage yesterday in the northern sector of the Iraq-Iran battlefront where the Iranian forces launched a new offensive overnight, according to war communiques issued by the combatants.

IRNA, the official Iranian news agency, said that Iranian forces captured several strategic heights and six villages on both sides of the international border in the Marivan-Baneh front in the overnight offensive.

The agency said the Iranian forces killed more than 1,500 Iraqi soldiers and shot down an Iraqi warplane in the day-long fighting that raged on the hills and valleys northwest of Marivan, in Iranian Kurdistan.

Earlier, the Iranians said they killed more than 3,000 Iraqi soldiers in the first stage of the operation which began at midnight last Wednesday. They claimed to have captured 700 sq.km. inside Iraq.

IRNA said the second stage of the offensive began soon after the Iranian forces repulsed an Iraqi counter-offensive at Shiler in Iraqi Kurdistan northwest of Marivan.

Acknowledging the fresh Iranian attack, Baghdad radio quoted an Iraqi military spokesman as saying: "The Iranian enemy committed another reckless act last night when it resumed its offensive on Iraqi troops in the northern sector of the war front. The aggressors will meet the same fate they deserve for such irrational attempts."

The official Iraqi News Agency quoted the commander of Iraq's First Army Corps, which is responsible for defence of the northern sector of the 800-km. battlefront, as saying that the Iranians have failed to occupy "even one inch of Iraqi territory during their recent offensive."

The agency said that in an interview with Baghdad radio, the commander, whose name was not given, invited foreign newsmen to visit the area "and see with their own eyes that no Iranian soldier exists on Iraqi soil."

The commander was quoted as saying Iranian losses have exceeded the losses suffered by the Iranians during last year's offensive across the Shatt al-Arab waterway, "which were over 30,000 men killed or wounded."

Caribbean trade group bars Grenada from regional pact

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad (Reuter). — English-speaking Caribbean nations have censured Grenada's new military rulers by excluding them from regional trade and integration agreements, but remained divided on the question of military intervention.

Leaders of 12 Caribbean governments announced their decision after an emergency weekend meeting on Sunday called to discuss sanctions against Grenada following last week's military coup. Trinidad Prime Minister George Chambers, who chaired the meeting, said that Grenada would be excluded from the 13-nation Caribbean Community (CARICOM) until futher notice pending restoration of normal conditions there.

A 24-hour curfew in force since a 16-man revolutionary military council took power in Grenada last Wednesday was due to be lifted today. Radio Free Grenada said that there would be a night curfew.

The radio also repeated accusations that the U.S. and Britian were preparing to attack Grenada from naval vessels now sailing into the area.

CRIME. — The U.S. Justice Department announced on Sunday that reported crime dropped by 5 per cent during the first six months of this year.

Nicaragua sets 'security zone' around air and maritime space

MANAGUA (AP). — Nicaragua's Sandinista government yesterday announced stiff penalties for violations of the country's air and maritime space, creating a 40-kilometre "security zone" off both Nicaragua's coasts. The government said it will evacuate 25,000 people from the city of Puerto Corinto if rebel attacks there continue.

The leftist regime also announced it will cut petrol use, limit weekend activities and shut off the lights at midnight in emergency measures taken because of fuel shortages.

A communique on the state radio late Sunday said the rationing measures were taken "in view of the national emergency created by the imperialist aggression." It said they would go into effect on November 1.

The Sandinista regime has suffered a series of crippling attacks by U.S.-backed rebels in the last two months that have drastically reduced the availability of much-needed fuel. Many of the attacks came by sea or air.

The new measures reduce petrol quotas to private car-owners from 76 to 68.4 litres per month.

The release said the three newspapers in Managua will receive less newsprint and will not publish on Sundays.

Sandinista junta coordinator Daniel Ortega on October 14 warned of an imminent "invasion by the Honduran or U.S. army," and urged the country's 2.5 million residents to "prepare to face it." He said that recent rebel sapper attacks had shut down Nicaragua's only oil unloading docks.

Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon discusses the bombing in Lebanon at a press conference in Marseilles yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

Soviets plan new missile deployment

MOSCOW. — "Preparatory work is being started" to deploy new Soviet missiles in Czechoslovakia and East Germany as one of the Warsaw Pact's responses to NATO plans to instal 572 new American rockets in Western Europe beginning in December, the Soviet Defence Ministry said yesterday.

"In accordance with an understanding reached by the governments of the Soviet Union, the German Democratic Republic and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, preparatory work is being started on the territory of the GDR and Czechoslovakia for the deployment of missile complexes of operational-tactical designation," said the military announcement carried by the official Soviet news agency TASS.

Soviet leaders had already warned that the Kremlin would retaliate against the U.S. weapons by siting new nuclear systems in Eastern Europe.

But yesterday's announcement was the first to specify the countries where these would be sited and to state that preparations for their deployment had already begun.

The TASS account yesterday said, "These steps are one of the planned response measures in case the American missiles are sited in Europe. They are directed at maintaining the equilibrium in the nuclear system between the Warsaw Treaty and NATO in Europe."

The announcement did not elaborate on what the other response measures might be, nor disclose the type of missiles to be deployed in the two allied countries.

Western military experts have said they believe Moscow plans to base short-range battlefield nuclear missiles like the SS-21 and SS-22 on the territory of its allies.

Soviets threaten end to arms talks

PARIS (AP). — Vadim Zagladin, a member of the Soviet Communist Party central committee, said Sunday that if the U.S. deploys new Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in Western Europe, it will mean an end to arms talks.

"If the Americans begin the installation of missiles, that will signify that the U.S. is breaking off the talks in a unilateral manner," Zagladin said in an interview on French Radio.

If the missiles are deployed, he said, the Soviet Union envisaged taking counter-measures, notably suspension of the moratorium on the SS-20s.

"We will take measures aimed at American territory to recreate the same danger as with the Pershing," he said.

Zagladin, a specialist in Soviet relations with Western Communist parties, is in France to attend this week's Socialist Party Congress in Bourg-en-Bresse as an observer.

U.S. anti-missile protests continue

NEW YORK (AP). — Nuclear weapons opponents blocked gates of a New York army depot yesterday and earmarked a weapons plant in South Carolina and a Massachusetts facility where they believe missiles are assembled for blockades and marches. Police said they were ready for the protesters.

Yesterday's demonstrations followed a weekend of 140 rallies nationwide against NATO's planned deployment of U.S. cruise and Pershing 2 missiles in Europe, where 1.5 million people joined protests in recent days.

Protesters said each of the sites chosen for yesterday's actions — the Seneca army depot in Romulus, New York, the Savannah River plant in Aiken, South Carolina, and the AVCO Systems division plant in Wilmington, Massachusetts — plays a role in the production or storage of the missiles.

In Romulus, where 3,500 people arrived at a state park on Saturday for a weekend of protest activities, about 350 anti-nuclear protesters blockaded five gates at the army depot yesterday.

No arrests were reported during the morning.

Sports

Great gambit

By DON GOULD
Post Basketball Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — Maccabi Ramat Gan's brilliant tactical gambit — a box in one to control Hapoel Ramat Gan's high-scoring Or Goren — nearly paid high dividends in Ramat Gan's suspense-packed basketball derby on Sunday night.

Goren, who has averaged 22 points a game throughout the season, was limited to a mere 10, and eventually, in his frustration, he fouled out. Nevertheless, his team edged their way to a narrow 76-75 victory.

For the fourth game in a row, Hapoel were held to a 0-8 start, trailed 10-20 and were still 4 behind at the half.

As the game marched towards its close, however, the strength in depth of Hapoel brought then home. Steve Kaplan notched up 8 points in a row. Seldom-used guard, David Ross, replacing Goren, sank two vital jump shots, and Art Hausey's three point play 40 seconds from the final whistle gave Hapoel the win they deserved. Kaplan scored 22 and Hausey 16. But scoring honours for the match go to Maccabi's Doron Jamchee, with 34.

The result will be a morale-booster for Maccabi's Korac Cup match tomorrow at Yad Eliyahu against the Italian team Cazerta, even though the Italians are fresh from hammering Cantu 79-68 in an Italian League game.

Maccabi Ramat Gan, who go to Bucharest to meet Rapid in the Korac Cup, will also feel encouraged by their Sunday night effort, even though they lost.

In Germany, it was reported that Ralph Klein is one of six coaches under consideration to be given the national squad to coach.

Once is enough

NEW YORK (AP). — Over the past seven years, the New York city marathon catapulted Bill Rodgers and Alberto Salazar into marathon stardom. But this year's winner, Rod Dixon, an Olympic runner competing in only his second marathon, isn't sure he'll continue along that path.

"Marathoning is a discipline all its own, and I'm not sure if I'm ready to do it all the time," the 33-year-old New Zealander said on Sunday after overtaking Britain's Geoff Smith at the 41.6 km. mark, and outkicking him in the final 350 metres for a dramatic victory in 2 hours, 8 minutes, 59 seconds.

More strong men

MOSCOW (AP). — Weightlifters from the Soviet Union and Bulgaria set three new world records on Sunday in the under 56 kg. class at the World and European Weightlifting Championships, the Tass News Agency reported.

Soviet Oksen Mirzoyan jerked 165 kg. to beat the old record of 160.5 kg. Mirzoyan won the overall gold medal for the division with a total of 292.5 kg. breaking his own record of 287.5 kg. set earlier this year.

Naim Saleimanov of Bulgaria won the silver with a total of 290 kg. including a record-setting snatch of 130 kilos.

NFL: Sunday

Kansas City 13, Houston 10, ot; Minnesota 20, Green Bay 17, ot; Atlanta 27, New York Jets 21; Chicago 7, Philadelphia 6; New England 31, Buffalo 0; Cincinnati 28, Cleveland 21; Washington 38, Detroit 17; Miami 21, Baltimore 7; Pittsburgh 27, Seattle 21; Denver 14, San Diego 6; San Francisco 45, Los Angeles Rams 35; New Orleans 24, Tampa Bay 21.

SCOREBOARD

CRICKET — The four-day cricket international at the Brisbane Cricket Ground between Pakistan and Queensland fizzled out to a tame draw here on Monday.

Scores: Queensland 422 for 6 and 227 for 3 (Wessel's 127). Pakistan 364 for 6 and 73 for 1.

There was a rest day in the test match between India and the West Indies.

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Condition as at June 30, 1983

	UNAUDITED US $ Thousands*
ASSETS	
Cash and Due from Banks	5,638,180
Government and Other Securities	1,348,275
Deposits with and Loans to the Israel Government	2,376,539
Loans and Bills Discounted	2,449,873
Other Accounts	85,290
Premises and Other Property	43,958
Customers' Liabilities	563,381
Total Assets	12,505,496
LIABILITIES	
Deposits	8,755,968
Government, Bank and Other Deposits for Granting of Loans	764,619
Debentures Issued by Subsidiaries	1,739,891
Other Accounts	87,848
Liabilities on Account of Customers	563,381
Total Liabilities	11,911,707
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital Stock, Reserves and Surplus	327,118
Minority Interest and Convertible Capital Notes and Warrants Issued by Subsidiaries	145,395
Notes and Non-Convertible Unsubordinated Capital Notes	121,276
Total Capital Accounts	593,789
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	12,505,496

* The condensed statement has been arithmetically translated from Israel sheqels into US dollars at the exchange rate prevailing on June 30, 1983: IS 47.52 = US $ 1.00, for the convenience of the reader.

SAYING IT WITH FLOWERS

The Jerusalem Post's Michal Yudelman takes a personal look at the mayoral campaign in Tel Aviv

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

THE FLOWERS *that* appeared along Tel Aviv's sidewalks just before the municipal elections are *rather an obvious* way of distracting attention from unsightly flaws and problems. It may be rather like *covering* a wrinkled face with a coat of make-up, but Mayor Shlomo (Chich) Lahat knows how important *appearances are.*

Who will be the next mayor of Tel Aviv will be determined largely by personality and public relations, and not the issues such as slums and poverty, the lack of day-care *centres which* prevents mothers (especially single mothers) from going out to work and escaping the *welfare bracket*, impossible traffic problems, increasing crime, a multi-billion shekel budget deficit — to *name a few.*

The public seems indifferent to the local elections this year, perhaps because they have been overshadowed by larger national events: events in Lebanon and the continuing Israeli involvement there; the crisis over bank stocks, a new government. The public, concerned with these events, seems to be placing more weight on the personal qualities of the candidates for mayor, and less on their political affiliations.

This suits Lahat just fine, for his personality and public relations have always been his greatest assets. Rather than relating to the issues, Lahat first treats his audience at home-gatherings with an American-*style video movie, and then charms* them with his candid, suave and authoritative manner.

The 13-minute movie, intended to convey a sense of accomplishment, shows the Mann Auditorium, Habimah Hall, the blue sea and other places not created by Lahat. Whatever is festering under the surface of the city, in the movie Israel's biggest metropolis looks like a glittering paradise.

Some 50 residents of the poor Bitzaron quarter attending one of these home-gatherings are *duly impressed*. They hush a man by my side who grumbles: "Did we come here to talk to the *mayor* or look at *girls* in bikinis in a movie?" Children are seen frolicking in several large city swimming pools. "They promised our neighbourhood a swimming pool too, several years ago," mutters the grumbler. "Finally I gave up and bought my children a plastic one."

The alley outside is blocked with the Volvo and Peugeot cars of Lahat and his entourage. Angry residents talk of the quarter's unlit alleys, of uncollected garbage, rats, the lack of municipal services. City clerk Shmuel Levy, at Lahat's side, writes

Shlomo Lahat (Millman)

all these complaints down. Perhaps this gives the people a feeling that something is being done.

EVERY ATTEMPT by Chich's rivals to attract the residents' attention pales next to the mayor's act; the *rivals cannot match Chich's flamboyant* personality. Nor can they match the funds pouring from the Likud's well-oiled election machinery to finance their candidate's election campaign. Taxpayers may be contributing to his campaign, whether they intended to or not. A full-page advertisement entitled "What's New In Tel Aviv" was published regularly in several newspapers by the municipality. Letters on official municipal stationery were sent to thousands of residents outlining Lahat's plans for the next five years. Glossy, colour pamphlets of show people supporting Lahat were distributed to the press, together with an official press release sent out by the city spokesman.

ALIGNMENT candidate Dov Ben-Meir's party is still rather unpopular, even though its representatives are hoping the Likud's recent failures will work in their favour. Ben-Meir is far less known to the public than Lahat and lacks the

Dov Ben-Meir (Israel Sun)

aura of charismatic leadership. His election campaign is based on volunteer work and does not enjoy *the advantage of several* public relations experts, speech writers and image-moulders like that of Lahat.

Peace ship owner Abie Nathan is popular and famous, but as a lone Don Quixote, not as a leader of the *people. Children and old folk love* him. He's also the only mayoral candidate not running on public or *party funds but on his own* resources. But the average Tel Avivian may worry that Abie will be off to Cambodia or some other disaster spot tomorrow, bringing chocolate to starving children.

Deputy Mayor Yitzhak Artzi (Independent Liberals) has worked long and hard to develop the city's cultural and entertainment facilities. But working under Lahat, who tends to take the credit for himself, Artzi is not known for his accomplishments. No one knows, for instance, that Tel Aviv's rich nightlife, especially on Friday nights and weekends, is largely due to Artzi's persistent fight. Similarly, Lahat harvested all the credit for the Sporteque north of the Yarkon River, for the city's summer festivals and many other events handled by Artzi.

Tami's candidate, Vicky Shiran, is using the ethnic issue to try to attracts votes, addressing Sephardi Jews as though they are a separate *group within Tel Aviv.*

A candidate who calls for honest administration is Knesset Member *Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui). His* record in the Knesset backs up his stance as a reformer but he, too, is not *widely* known.

It's hard to keep track of the ten or so odd lists vying for control of the council, but none, *it* seems, is offering anything to the Arab residents of Jaffa, hundreds of whom live in sub-human conditions — mud huts, no floors, open sewerage or in half-demolished structures and the like. With half of the Arab children playing truant from school and taking to the streets, and the lack of municipal supervision of services in the Arab quarters, one doubts that these people will be voting for Lahat.

The Heart of Tel Aviv project to encourage residential building and young people to move back to the centre of the city is another of Lahat's bubbles. Despite massive fanfare and publicity in the press, *the area has continued to* deteriorate. No scenes from the centre of Tel Aviv or from the Arab *quarters were shown in* the video movie Lahat's people prepared; and for good reason. But with true *showmanship. Lahat has managed* to turn these two issues from failure to success; he keeps emphasizing *that in future, he will concentrate* on Jaffa's development and on the Heart of Tel Aviv project.

Nobody knows as well as Lahat how important appearances are. Many residents will cast their vote today on *the basis of* appearances, so every flower planted hurriedly along the grey streets of Tel Aviv *counts. Prejudice and traditional* hatred for the Labour Party will do the rest. When Ben-Meir struck up a *conversation in a supermarket* with an elderly man, the latter said he would vote for Chich. They *began talking and found themselves* agreeing that young couples cannot live in Tel Aviv for lack of housing. "*But it's not Chich's responsibility* to provide housing in the city, protested the man."

"Who's responsibility is it, then?" asked Ben-Meir.

"Solel Boneh's!" retorted the man.

An exercise in democracy

By STAN RUTMAN / Special to The Jerusalem Post

IT WAS *a mass political meeting*, an exercise in democracy and a lesson in good manners all rolled into one *last week in Safad. All seven* candidates were there (the most Safad has ever seen in such a campaign), *in front* of an audience of about 250 at the Wolfson Community Centre.

The forum was sponsored by the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI) and by *the Safad branch of the Western* Settlers. The latter's president, Bernard Wolf, commented, "We want to introduce here a national method for selecting the best candidate." The local initiative reflects a broader movement within the AACI northern regional district toward social action.

Each candidate was invited to participate on the condition that any criticism of the city's present Labour administration and personal attacks on other candidates would *be avoided; anyone breaking the* rules would be disqualified from further participation.

The candidates signed a pledge to that effect. The candidates' perfomance was also shaped by the presence *of a team of well-prepared* questioners and translators. The result was something like a bilingual version of *Meet The Press*. The audience seemed too much in *awe of the whole* phenomenon to do anything more than contribute a few well-mannered bursts of applause at appropriate moments.

Each candidate was asked to describe his background and reason for running. This gave Labour incumbent Amnon Gidon the opportunity to tell how he worked his way up from gas station attendant to become deputy and then acting mayor. *For Herut's Ze'ev Pearl* it was a chance to mention his Yom Kippur War service (he was wounded in action). Agudat Yisrael's Avraham Schwartz noted that his education included a stint at Mercaz Harav Kook.

EACH CANDIDATE in turn was then asked about some fundamental issue in Safad, and often the candidates and the topics were pointedly matched. Amos Lotan of Likud, who was chairman of the government committee to develop tourism in Galilee, was asked about plans for Safad, whose tourist economy has been in decline.

Lotan responded by first acknowledging that five hotels had closed since 1970. He then *proposed building a five-star hotel* and establishing an office of tourism development, which would utilize marketing techniques.

Herut's Ze'ev Pearl indicated that 93 per cent of the city's budget derives from national government sources, and insisted that only an infusion of financial aid from outside Safad could help.

The Aguda candidate, Avraham Schwartz has said in campaign ads that he has "organized an investment group which has already committed $20m. to a long-term development programme featuring high-technology industry." His platform also includes the construction of a five-star hotel on the western slope of the Old City.

He declared, "I'm not promising to look for the money after I'm elected. I've already found it."

Like any campaign meeting, this *one was full of promises, and some* reacted cynically. On more than one occasion, the air was pierced by *cries of "What have you been doing* for us all the time you've been in the government? Nothing, that's what!"

It was an attitude that independent *Moshe Chania tried to use to* his advantage. As a non-party man running on his own slate, the publisher of the local paper *Galei Safad* is seen by some as the dark horse in a wide-open field.

DESPITE the encumbrances of a bi-lingual format (sentence-by-sentence translation), the lack of a sound system, and the sheer number of candidates, the crowd remained attentive and standing room-only to the end. Technical difficulties at time contributed to comic relief. Twice, one of the translators, an American-born oleh, began translating a candidate's reply from Hebrew back into the Hebrew. Redundant, but a great crowd-pleaser.

Indeed, the general good spirits submerged the partisan and secular vs religious hostilities that have been boiling under the surface here *in* normally somnolent Safad. Non-kippa-wearing folk were seen vigorously applauding religious candidates, *and hassidim* with white head-coverings and side-locks were leaning in the windows along with secular party supporters, all intent on watching the action.

After the meeting, comments on the candidates were guarded. *Lillian* Cohen, a retired journalist from the U.S., remarked, "I still don't know who I'm voting for, but I'll say one thing: this meeting shows me that we have a very fine group of candidates to select from."

British-born pharmacist Philip *Crown's response was just the opposite.* "I don't feel that we really have much to choose from," he said. "*It's all right to have grandiose* schemes for improving things, but you need money to do it, and they *didn't have much to say about how* they would finance their ideas."

Even if not many in the audience went home persuaded one way or another, the agenda for the evening was successfully followed. The seven faces plastered everywhere in the city had come to life as individuals answering questions on what they plan to do for Safad.

A true liberal

HERBERT Weichmann, mayor of Hamburg, and president of its senate from 1965 to 1971, has died at the age of 86. He was born in Upper Silesia, the son of a liberal, upper-class Jewish family. His father was a renowned physician.

In 1920, as a reaction to the first aborted Nazi uprising, he joined the Social-Democratic Party. After completing *his law studies, he* joined the Prussian civil service and became personal assistant to the last Prussian Social Democratic prime minister, Otto Braun.

After the Nazis came to power, Herber Weichmann emigrated to France and, in 1940, to the U.S. After the war, he returned to Germany, having been invited to return by the mayor of Hamburg, Max Breuer. Serving first as comptroller of the Senate, he became minister of finance.

When the post of mayor became vacant in 1965, he was offered the nomination. He hesitated because, though proud of his Jewish background, he was not sure that a Jew should, or could become mayor *of the city. Among those who* encouraged him was Axel Springer, whose newspapers supported *Weichmann when he came up for* re-election in 1967. He was elected with the greatest majority ever in Hamburg — 59% of the popular vote.

Weichman was a true liberal and a social-democrat of the old school. A warm, engaging personality, he radiated an aura of profound culture and humanism. He was a true friend of Israel and proved it by word and deed

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Arye Gurel is the head of a responsible, well knit, political grouping. He is being challenged by unwary candidates, who do not appreciate the serious stature of the office, and who are untried *in guiding* a large, complex administration. These candidates wish to use the living flesh of Haifa for their apprenticeship.

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Money Matters

Banking system 'still strong'

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's banking system remains strong "now that the lack of confidence in certain aspects of our banks' operations — due to our economic leadership — has been eliminated," Minister of Industry and Trade Gideon Patt told a group of visiting British businessmen yesterday.

"Israel has just gone through a severe economic crisis and I hope we shall emerge unscathed," he added in his address at the Knesset VIP dining hall before the 19-member Fifth Trade and Investment Mission of the British-Israel Chamber of Commerce. The participants, who arrived Sunday, will return to Britain on Sunday after visiting industrial plants throughout the country and conferring with Israeli business leaders.

According to the British-Israel Chamber of Commerce, trade between the two countries should reach £600 million for 1983, up from £500m. last year.

In the first eight months of this year, Israeli exports to Britain totalled £214.6m. while imports from the UK reached £227.2m. If diamond sales are excluded from these figures, the balance-of-trade for the January-through-August period was £27.8m. in Israel's favour.

Israel is now the UK's second largest supplier of goods from all the Middle East countries, being exceeded only by Saudi Arabia, and is the sixth largest importer of British goods in the Middle East.

Prior to the devaluation of the shekel, Israel's exports continued to suffer, being 5 per cent down for the first nine months of 1983 compared with the similar period last year.

In 6 days' time the Swissair Airbus A310, the most modern wide-body plane, is coming to Tel Aviv.

As well as being the most modern scheduled service plane to have ever been built, Swissair's Airbus A310 is also the least harmful to the environment. In fact, it uses up much less fuel than all its predecessors, the smoke it emits reaches just 27% of today's rigorously specified limit and at take-off, the area it exposes to noise is more than 80% smaller than that of a DC-8. But that's the Airbus A310 just from the outside.

What it looks like inside will be revealed to you on this page tomorrow.

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This model shows a section of the 32,000-square-metre area of "young Hadera" currently being constructed using the "Dutch street" system. (Ron Erde)

'Dutch street' pattern comes to Hadera

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HADERA. — "The Dutch street" is the name of a concept in suburban neighbourhood road-planning inaugurated yesterday by the Clarin building company and the mayor of Hadera in the "young Hadera" section of town.

In place of conventional straight asphalt roads, the cottages in the square-shaped neighbourhood will be linked by zigzaging streets paved with colourful stone. This will restrict vehicle speed to only 15 to 20 kilometres per hour, and will increase safety.

Other amenities such as play areas, benches, decorative fences and special lighting are also planned to enhance the suburb's "quality of life," Clarin says.

The architects who did the overall planning for the Dutch-street neighbourhood were Yehoshua Finzi and Shmuel Raveh.

The first homes will be ready for occupancy in about two months.

IDB Bankholding shows IS136m. profit

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — IDB Bankholding, the mother company of Discount Bank and IDB Development, made a net profit of IS136 million in the six-month period ending June 30 after adjustment for inflation was made. The figures were adjusted in line with the Advisory Opinion 23 accounting system.

Thus, IDB Bankholding becomes one of the very few concerns which made a profit — and did not lose money — under Opinion 23.

The figures were released yesterday by Rafael Recanati, chairman of the board of directors of IDB Bankholding.

However, if the profits are not adjusted for inflation, profits grew by 280 per cent to stand at IS4.28 billion in June 30, 1983, compared to June 30, 1982. (During these 12 months the cost-of-living index rose by 137.9 per cent.)

The net profit per ordinary share, fully diluted, rose by 259 per cent to stand at IS292.20.

During the first six months of 1983, the consolidated assets of IDB *Bankholding rose by 51 per cent to stand at IS594 billion.*

The concern notes that both IDB Bankholding and Discount Bank are included in the arrangement made with the Finance Ministry and the Bank of Israel after the concern stopped regulating the price of its shares on the stock market.

ST. LUCIA — The European Community yesterday donated $187,000 to the Caribbean island of St. Lucia for distribution to some of the 35,000 victims of recent storms.

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Gold coins up by 20-50%

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The recent devaluation of 23 per cent has given a major boost to the prices of Israel Government coins and the Medals Corporation's gold coins.

Prices of these items, until recently, barely reflected the bullion content value. However, as Israelis rushed to change shekels to foreign currency, they sought to link the local currency to the value of gold. Thus, the shekel values of gold coins advanced by margins of 20-50 per cent.

The following are the coins' current dollar prices based on an average of the buying and selling price as offered by dealers in the Tel Aviv area: Herzl $440; Weitzmann $1,150; Bank of Israel $2,000; Victory $850; Jerusalem $420; Peace $380; Let My People Go $380; 25th Anniversary $850; Ben Gurion $490; Bonds $350; 30th Anniversary $250; Peace $325; Jabotinsky $325; People of the Book $380; Rothschild $380; Quamran $225; Valour $515.

$2b. 'disappeared' in bank-share crisis

By MACABEE DEAN

TEL AVIV. — Two totally different responses were voiced yesterday to the reopening of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange — which had been closed for two weeks.

Circles close to the traders noted that "it gave us a chance to obtain ready cash, but this is a small matter compared to the great losses the entire economy has suffered. Some $2 billion has simply disappeared with the fall in the value of the bank shares. This means $2b. has gone out of circulation — people will be buying less, and this means less imports.

"Moreover, the traders who used bank shares for collateral to obtain credits and loans will now have to run around to find money to cover their obligations. And the entire economy will face a shortage of liquid funds."

Eli Izakson, president of the Farmers Federation, noted, however, that "although the stock market plays a vital role in Israel, in the last few years it has become not so much a means of raising capital for the productive sector as a means of speculation. I don't know any farmers or industrialists who played the market; and those that did used their gains to buy luxury goods. Nothing serious will result from speculators having to lower their standard of living for a few years."

The important thing, Izakson said, "is whether the financial crash will help us focus our attention on production, especially exports. And the test will be an improvement in our adverse balance of payments, even at the expense of a higher inflation rate. After all, we should make our living by productive work, not by speculation."

He wanted to see a definite slow-down in all imports — except raw materials destined for export. "That is where we should have funnelled the hundreds of millions of dollars which vanished in the fall of the bank shares. If we had used that money to buy raw materials, the country's economy would be on the road to recovery today."

Buyers of new cars say dealers overcharged

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — *The Transport Ministry is setting up an arbitration committee to hear complaints by new car buyers who claim they over-paid for their new cars this month, because of the devaluation of the shekel.*

It has been claimed that between October 11-23, several hundred new car buyers were overcharged on the average of about IS225,000.

The president of the automobile importers association, Arie Carasso, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the committee will comprise representatives of the Transport Ministry, the association, the government-appointed Israel Consumer's Council (ICC) and the Histadrut's Central Consumer Authority (CCA).

Carasso said that he was pleased with the ministry's decision, since he was sure that this would clear the air — he said that the attitude towards the automobile importers until now has been hostile.

Ada Levanon, managing director of the ICC, said she had not heard of such a committee, that no one had asked the ICC to join such a committee.

Yitzhak Caspit, head of the Automobile Department at the CCA, said that it was his idea to set up the arbitration committee. He said he would personally participate in this committee and called on all recent buyers of new cars who feel they have been overcharged to phone his office so that they can be called to testify before the committee. His phone numbers at work are (03) 263582 or (03) 431651.

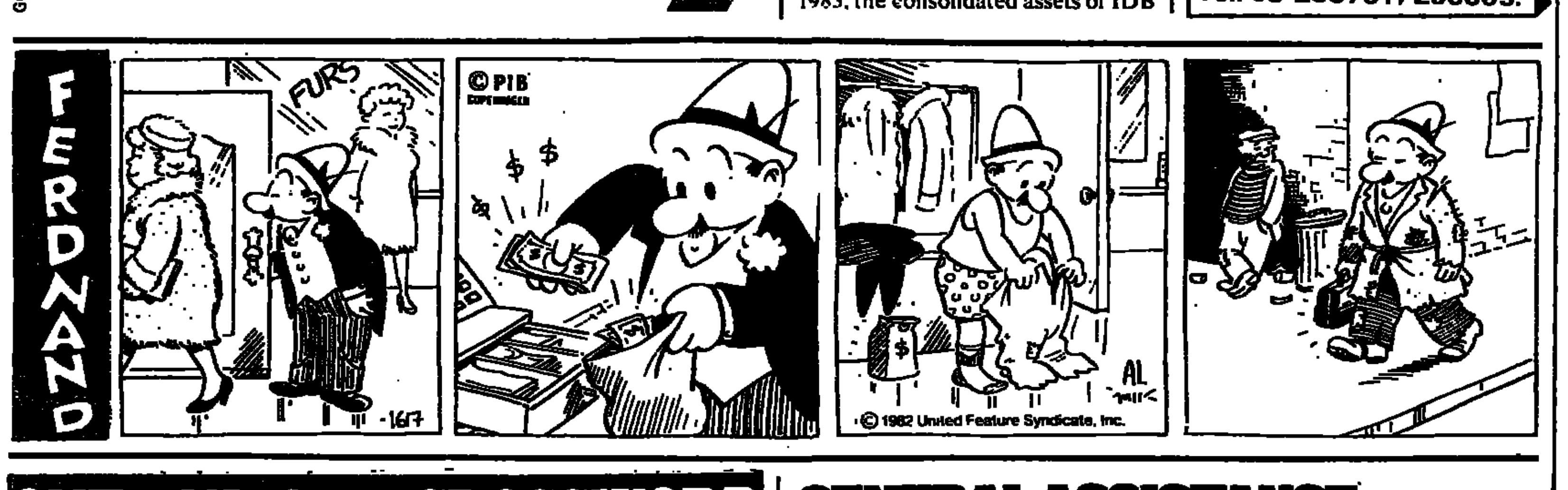
He claims that about 60 such new car owners have called him.

Caspit said that the whole matter was extremely complicated, and said that it was difficult to get a straight answer from the importers or Customs on the claims of overcharging.

Matters were further complicated when it was announced on Sunday night that Customs had cancelled the levy of 23 per cent on the value of the car that was initiated on October 11 to compensate for the large devaluation.

Caspit said that he was one of those that called on the abolition of this levy but that he could not get a clear answer from the Customs if this levy had been cancelled completely or only during the period of October 11-23.

He said it was unclear how the customers that had already paid this levy would get the money back.



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Jerusalem

MUSEUMS

Israel Museum. Opening Exhibition: David Bomberg in Palestine, 1923-1927. **Continuing Exhibitions:** Moritz Oppenheim, First Jewish Painter. Tip of the Iceberg No. 2, New Acquisitions of Israeli Art. Mario Merz, Italian artist. China and the Islamic World, ceramic influences (until 31.10); Oil Lamp Section; Permanent Collection of Judaica, Art and Archaeology; Primitive Art; Looking at Pictures; Permanent Exhibit in Pre-history Hall; Contemporary Israeli Art. **Special Exhibits:** Yehoshua Neustein, Drawings 1983. Torah Finials (Rimonim) produced in San'a by Yemenite Jewish goldsmiths at beginning of 20th century. **Rockefeller Museum:** Judean Kingdom Fortress at Kadesh Barnea; Wonderful World of Paper (Paley Centre next to Rockefeller Museum).

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Tel Aviv

MUSEUMS

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 3, 4, 5½
17.50 Faster, Higher, Stronger — sports

ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.32 The Naughty Doll
18.45 What's the Answer?
19.00 Documentary
19.30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup
20.02 Play It Again — TV game introduced by Dudu Topaz
20.30 Kolbotek
21.00 Mabat Newsreel and Special Reports from the Municipal Elections
22.00 The Winds of War, Part 4 of an 18-part serial based on the bestseller by Herman Wouk about the events preceding the Second World War
22.50 Music — Chopin: Piano Concerto No. 2, Op. 21 (Martha Argerich)
23.20 News and first results of the Municipal Elections

JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.40 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 18.45 Target 19.00 News in French 19.30 News in Hebrew 19.45 Magazine Zero One 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Hi-De-Hi 21.10 Secret Army 22.15 Knots Landing

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music

6.02 Musical Clock
7.07 Mendelssohn: Song Without Words; Paganini: 2 Movements from String Quartet; Dittersdorff: Harp Concerto (Marisa Robles); Bach: Flute and Harpsichord Sonata (Nicolet, Karl Richter); Geminiani: Concerto Grosso No.6; Vivaldi: Concerto for 2 Celli (Tortelier); Haydn: Symphony No.103; Mozart: Rondo Concertante for Piano, K.382 (Ashkenazy); Arriaga: Quartet No.2; Leonardo Leo: Salve Regina; K. Stamitz: Sinfonia Concertante for Violin, Viola and Orchestra (Stern, Zukerman, Barenboim); Arensky: Tchaikovsky Variations; Liszt: Piano Concerto No.2; Mahler: Symphony No.1 (Chicago, Abbado)
12.00 Michal Tal, piano — Beethoven: Sonata, Op.109; Yanoula Pappas, soprano, Gershon Stern, piano — Lalo: 6 Songs; Offenbach: Six Fables by La Fontaine
13.05 Excerpts from operas by Berlioz, Meyerbeer and Saint-Saëns
15.00 History of Music
15.30 Youth Programme
16.30 Chamber Concert (repeat)
18.00 News from the Record Library
19.05 Music from the Distant Past (repeat)
20.00 Entertaining and artistic music from Vietnam
20.30 Works by Smetana, Weber, Straus, Bach, Berg and Schumann
23.00 The Artist in His Workshop
00.10 Choral Music — The 1983 Mozart Week — Radio Austria — Michael Haydn: Hispanica Mass; Mozart: Kyrie, K.431; Andreas Hofer: Te Deum

First Programme

6.03 Programmes for Olim
7.30 Light Classical Music — Works by Mendelssoh, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Offenbach and others
9.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew
10.05 Encounter — live family magazine
11.10 Elementary School Broadcasts
11.30 Education for all
12.05 Sephardi songs
13.00 News in English
13.30 News in French
14.05 Children's programmes
15.25 Education for all
15.55 Notes on a New Book
16.05 Afternoon Classics
17.12 Jewish Ideas
17.20 Everyman's University
18.05 A Political Book
18.50 Bible Reading — Chronicles II — introductory talk
19.05 Talmud Lesson
19.30 Programmes for Olim
22.05 Topical discussion — introduced by Shmuel Almog
23.05 Two by Two

Second Programme

6.12 Gymnastics
6.30 Editorial Review
6.54 Green Light — drivers' corner
7.00 This Morning — news magazine
8.05 First Thing — with Ehud Manor
10.10 All Shades of the Network — morning magazine
12.05 Open Line — news and music
13.00 Midday — news commentary, music
14.10 A Taste of Honey
16.10 Health and Medicine Magazine
17.10 Economics Magazine
17.25 Of Men and Figures — economics magazine
18.05 Safe Journey
19.05 Today — radio newsreel
19.30 New World — environment magazine
20.05 Cantorial requests
22.05 The Municipal Elections

Army

6.06 Morning Sounds
6.30 University on the Air
7.07 "707" — with Alex Anski
8.05 Morning Newsreel
9.05 Right Now — with Rafi Reshef
11.05 Israeli Autumn — with Eli Yisraeli
13.05 Two Hours
15.05 From Three to Four — Hebrew songs
16.05 Enteraintment Show
17.05 Evening Newsreel
18.05 Computer Magazine
19.05 Music Today — music magazine
20.05 Rock Plus
21.00 Mabat — TV Newsreel
21.35 University on the Air (repeat)
22.05 Popular songs
23.05 Classical Favourite — with Pinchas Eidan
00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat with Arieh Barak

CINEMAS

JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Eden: Dama Do Lotacao; **Edison:** Treasure of the Four Crowns; **Kfir:** Flash Dance; **Mitchell:** Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence 6.45, 9.15; **Orgil:** J.C. Superstar; **Orion:** Blue Thunder 4, 6.30, 9; **Oran:** Bambino in Egypt; **Ron:** Local Hero; **Semadar:** Victor Victoria 7, 9.15; **Binyenei Ha'uma:** Draughtsman's Contract 7, 9; **Cinema One:** Finals 5.30; Rebel Without a Cause 7.15; Emmanuelle 9.15; **Cinematheque:** Watership Down 4; The Vagabond 7; La Maison des Bois 7.30 (small hall); McVicar 10; **Israel Museum:** Angi Vera 6, 8.30

TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30
Allenby: Heat and Dust 4.30, 7.10, 9.30; **Ben Yehuda:** Jinxed; **Chen 1:** Blue Thunder 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Chen 2:** Officer and a Gentleman 4.30, 7, 9.40; **Chen 3:** Sophie's Choice 6.40, 9.20; **Chen 4:** Cannery Row 4.30, 7.05, 9.30; Life of Brian 10.30, 1.30; **Chen 5:** Man From Snowy River 10.30, 1.30, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **Cinema One:** Mad Mission; **Drive-In:** Tootsie 7.15, 9.30; Black Stallion Returns 5.30; Sex film, midnight; **Esther:** Dama Do Lotacao; **Gat:** My Favourite Year; **Gordon:** Another Way; **Hod:** Breathless; **Lev I:** Local Hero 1.30, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **Lev II:** Day of Zinc 1.30, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **Limor:** Young Frankenstein 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Maxim:** Rocky Horror Picture Show; **Mograbi:** War Games; **Orly:** A Deadly Summer 4, 6.45, 9.30; **Paris:** Nagua 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Peer:** Merry Christmas Mr. Lawrence; **Shahaf:** Flash Dance 4.15, 7.15, 9.30; **Studio:** Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Tchelet:** Year of Living Dangerously; **Tel Aviv:** High Road to China; **Tel Aviv Museum:** Yol; **Zafon:** To Begin Again; **Tzavta:** Eighty Three 9.30; **Beth Hatefutsoth:** Tell Me a Riddle 5, 8.30

HAIFA 4, 6.45, 9
Amphitheatre: Mad Mission; **Armon:** War Games; **Atzmon:** High Road to China; **Chen:** For a Few Dollars More; **Galor:** Le Choc 10, 2, 6; Executioner 12, 4, 8; **Moriah:** Table for Five 6.45, 9; **Orah:** Breathless; **Orion:** Two Sisters 6 nonstop; **Orly:** Hair 6.30, 9; **Peer:** Flash Dance; **Ron:** Treasure of the Four Crowns; **Shavit:** Nagua 6.45, 9

RAMAT GAN
Armon: Blue Thunder 9.30; Charlotte's Web 4.30; **Lily:** Breathless 7.15, 9.30; **Oasis:** Hair 4, 7.15, 9.15; **Ordea:** Table for Five 7.15, 9.30; **Ramat Gan:** Tootsie 7, 9.30

HERZLIYA
David: 48 Hours 7.15, 9.15; **Tiferet:** Tootsie 7.15, 9.30

HOLON
Migdal: War Games 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **Savoy:** Now and Forever 4, 7.15, 9.30

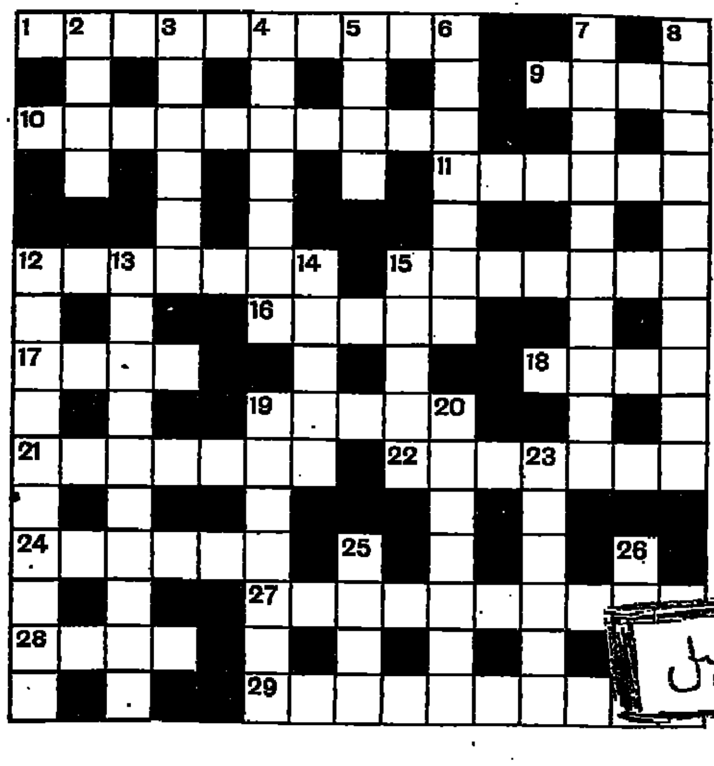
ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 After pooling the stakes it distributes the winnings of course (4-6)
9 Fifty-one Engineers required to meet expenses in Italy (4)
10 A seaman who gets completely immersed in the pursuit of wealth (5-5
11 Gets brought into action and given out? (6)
12 The loss incurred when we hedge a speculator on the Stock Exchange (7)
15 Injured pride associated with Old Testament precious stone (7)
16 A tree I get sore about when rattled (5)
17 Carry a gun, perhaps, that's a shorter version of 1 (4)
18 I'd look around for a place in which to bathe (4)
19 Highland plane redirected (5)
21 His business is to clarify the matter (7)
22 A purely nominal attachment? (4, 3)
24 Teutonic sea-wolves that hunted in packs (1-5)
27 To a certain extent how the steeplejack will work? (2, 2, 1, 5)
28 Misfortunes we keep well away from (4)
29 The speed required to map out new territory, maybe (10)

DOWN

2 Smart fellow? (4)
3 Use force to gain entrance (6)
4 Drug one is made to experience (7)
5 A piece of wilful vanity in the Inner Hebrides (4)
6 Nor 9 disrupted could make a good bit in the past (7)
7 Drink prescribed by the medical profession? (6, 4)
8 Obstinately self-willed principal with powerful following (10)
12 The liquid notes of Handel? (5, 5)
13 What one needs to equip oneself as a handyman (3, 2, 5)
14 Sheer agony for Sandown Park? (5)
15 Type of nut a chartered accountant has to write about (5)
19 Toggle for a belt of Japanese design (7)
20 Any fat about to put a knife or a whistle on? (7)
23 What a company must do to get dollars out of wine? (6)
25 A stage favourite's comeuppance (4)
26 A fund only partially open (4)



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21 Responsibility
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25 West African native
26 Cake decoration
27 Undress
28 Large snake

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1 Dog-like
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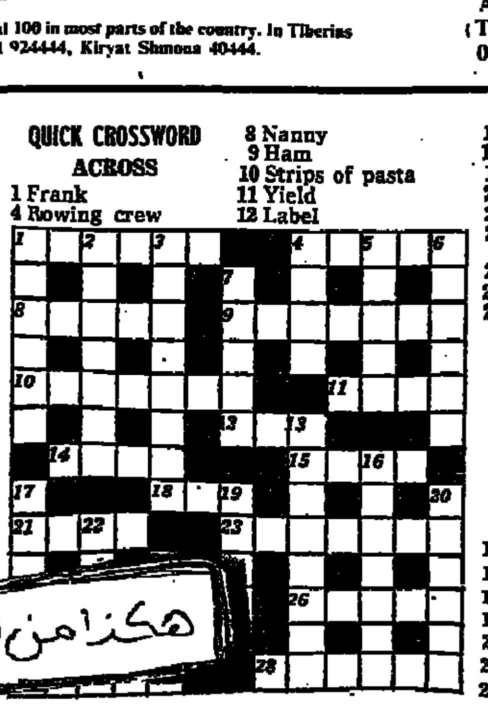

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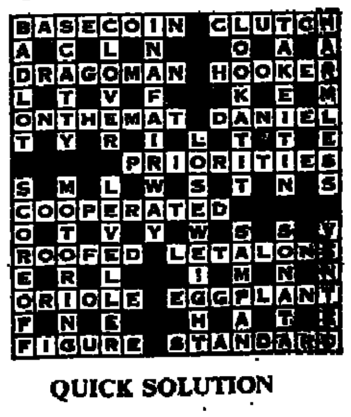

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Money Matters

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As major banks shares fall by 17 per cent:

Value of all shares crashes by $3.4 billion

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

TEL AVIV. — The value of all shares on the exchange fell by some $3.4 billion by the end of yesterday's session, marked by the government's intervention in the trading of those bank shares covered by the bank-share agreement.

"It was an infamous day which saw government intervention on behalf of the banks and at the expense of the taxpayer. It was a day which saw the public take it on the chin, even if they held items other than bank shares," observed a small-time investor.

The 17 per cent drop in the value of the bank shares, in relation to their October 6 prices, marked a 33.3 per cent fall in their dollar values. Since the market traded last, it will be recalled, the shekel has been devalued by just over 26 per cent. Obviously those shares which fell by more than 17 per cent — and there were plenty — had their dollar value cut by considerably higher margins than the bank shares.

In the past, during the course of sessions when share prices fell sharply, one was accustomed to seeing some of the heads of the commercial banks making an appearance and giving the nod to their floor representatives to pick up all shares of their own banks offered for sale. Yesterday the chiefs were notably absent. The government had stepped in to replace them.

However, the government intervened in the trading but did not "regulate" or "stabilize" the shares, a practice which the banks have renounced in lieu of the acceptance of the agreement.

Shares of those banks not members of the agreement were either unchanged or higher. The North America Bank shares, in spite of heavy selling pressures, wound up unchanged. The Maritime Bank of Israel shares were up by margins of 3.8 per cent and 5.8 per cent respectively. The shares of the First International Bank were up by 4.2 per cent. At the outset of yesterday's trading session, it was announced that Danot and FIBI shares would only be traded from tomorrow.

The exchange will be closed today as part of the national sabbatical day to accomodate the municipal elections. "The closure is a super event, as few of us could stand another session like today's," observed a portfolio manager.

Insurance issues fell by margins of up to 10-15 per cent.

Service company stocks were broadly lower as Ya'ane Computers was hit for a 17 per cent drop.

Land development, real estate and citrus plantation issues were hard hit. Speculative demand was responsible for 10 and 13.3 per cent gains in the shares of Arledan. Others were less fortunate as Israel Land Development, the granddaddy of its field, saw its bearer shares tumble by more than 20 per cent.

Exporting industrial concerns attracted buyers.

Agan Chemicals was up by 27.4 per cent as Elbit was 23.2 per cent higher. Financially trouble ridden Ata saw its C shares fall by nearly 20 per cent. Vitalgo was nearly 23 per cent lower, Teva (R) and the Dead Sea Works both rose by more than 11 per cent. American-Israeli Paper Mills spurted ahead by a full 20 per cent.

In the investment company group, the shares of IDB Development fell, in spite of a good profit and loss statement, which was issued only several days ago. Oz Investments 0.1 was clipped for a loss of more than 30 per cent.

BOURSE OPENS

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Prior to the beginning of actual trading, an official of the exchange announced that the prices of the shares of the four largest banks, Bank Leumi, Bank Hapoalim, Israel Discount Bank, and the United Mizrahi Bank had been all established 17 per cent lower than prices prevailing on October 6.

The dollar drop in value was in the order of one third. The turnover in the shares of the four banks stood at IS11.1 billion ($137 million).

At the new price levels, the bank shares that have now acquired the characteristics of dollar-linked bonds, are reflecting an annual yield of more than 9 per cent.

Gilboa index-linked government bonds yielded considerably less and the consensus is that during the near term, the bank shares will advance upwards to be more in line with the prevailing yields available from investments in the Gilboa bonds. Nevertheless concern has been expressed that additional massive sell orders may be in the offing.

The total value of the government's intervention was about $150m., or half of the total value of the bank shares that the public offered for sale, according to Meir Heth, the chairman of the exchange's board of directors.

More than half of the total sum of the intervention was spent in buying up the shares of Bank Leumi and Bank Hapoalim and totalled IS7.5 billion ($92.6m.).

According to an official of one of the banks, there was substantive buying support for shares from sources other than the government. It appears that institutional buying would have exerted itself but at levels of 18 to 20 per cent below those of October 6.

Prior to yesterday's session, government sources indicated that they wished to avoid the possibility of substantive capital gains on the part of strong economic groups who would buy in at bargain levels and capitalize after the shares rose.

Observers had difficulty in analyzing the direction of the flow of funds. Some IS12.2b. wound up in the hands of the individual and corporate investors from the sales of bank shares alone. Though the shekel was devalued by 1 per cent in relation to the dollar yesterday, the banking community reported little buying of patam or cash dollars.

There was two-way traffic in bond trading but certainly neither the trading turnovers nor the price direction indicated any mass move into the index-linked or dollar-linked bond sector.

The rest of the share market was hit by nearly across-the-board selling wave which, according to one financial expert cut prices by nearly $1.0b. dollars. Adding to this the loss of $2.4b. in bank share valuations, yesterday marked a historic high in losses in share valuations during one trading session.

The bank shares prior to yesterday accounted for well over half of the total valuation of all shares registered for trading on the exchange. These fell in value by one third in dollar terms while the balance of the share market fell by some 20 per cent on the average.

Veteran stock market observers were not optimistic as to the prospects of favourable market conditions.

"If the country is heading towards a recession and if we assume that the stock market serves as a barometer of future economic activity, then there is no reason to anticipate a buoyant marketplace," was the analysis of one observer.

Bank of Israel exchange rates

October 24, 1983

	IS		IS
U.S. dollar	82.001	Canadian dollar	66.5234
British sterling	122.8607	Australian dollar	75.4196
German mark	31.4442	South African rand	72.4430
French franc	10.2825	Belgian franc (10)	15.4005
Dutch guilder	27.9816	Austrian schilling (10)	44.7050
Swiss franc	38.6921	Italian lire (100)	5.1649
Swedish krona	10.5101	Japanese yen (100)	35.0773
Norwegian krone	11.1603	Jordanian dinar	220.58
Danish krone	8.6658	Lebanese lira	15.85
Finnish mark	14.5069	Egyptian pound	74.6201

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AMERICAN ISRAEL BANK LTD.

FOREIGN CURRENCY
24.10.83
Yesterday's foreign exchange rates against the Israel Shekel, for U.S. dollar transactions under $3,000 and transactions of other currencies under the equivalent of $500.

	Selling	Buying
US$	82.4108	81.5900
Sterling	123.6338	122.3034
DM	31.5871	31.2725
French FR	10.3330	10.2300
Dutch G	28.1026	27.8226
Swiss FR	38.8877	38.5003
Swedish KR	10.5486	10.4435
Norwegian KR	11.2162	11.1044
Danish KR	8.6931	8.6065
Finnish MK	14.5731	14.4279
Canadian $	66.8539	66.1880
Australian $	75.6572	74.9036
Rand	72.8223	72.0970
Belgian Con (10)	15.4472	15.2933
Belgian Fin (10)	15.2401	15.0883
Austrian SH (10)	44.8922	44.4450
Yen (100)	35.2816	34.9302
Italian Lire (1000)	51.9287	51.4114

GOLD: $393.30/393.80/oz.

INTERBANK SPOT RATES:

US$	1.4978/88	per £
DM	2.6130/40	per $
Swiss FR	2.1203/13	per $
French FR	7.9885/15	per $
Italian Lire	1573.00/50	per $
Dutch G	2.9375/90	per $
Yen	233.95/05	per $
Danish KR	9.4700/800	per $
Swedish KR	7.8075/8125	per $
Norwegian KR	7.3450/3500	per $

FORWARD RATES:

	1 mon.	3 mos.	6 mos.
$/£	1.4982/94	1.4991/06	1.4998/13
DM/$	2.6041/53	2.6883/96	2.5646/62
Sw.FR/$	2.1090/05	2.0923/38	2.0658/78

Commercial Banks

	Closing price	Volume IS1,000	Change	% change
IDB p	84370	1	—7280	7.2
IDB r	3774	41190	—773	17.0
IDB B r	3766	212	—772	17.0
IDB p. A	22742	28	—4658	17.0
IDB op 11	2795	1454	—493	15.0
Union op 4	2808	7747	—575	17.0
Discount r	4817	1202	—987	17.0
Discount A r	4817	4131	—987	17.0
Discount op 2	3889	1266	—686	15.0
Discount B	540	10218	—95	15.0
Mizrahi r	1553	125514	—318	17.0
Mizrahi b	1553	1364	—318	17.0
Mizrahi op 11	2678	941	—460	14.7
Mizrahi op 2	997	3269	—175	14.9
Mizrahi sc 6	12760	12	—1500	10.5
Mizrahi sc 9	626	5690	+82	15.1
Maritime 0.1	553	2293	+20	3.8
Maritime 0.5	294	1026	+16	5.8
Hapoalim p B	3300	925	—650	16.5
Hapoalim r	2564	139,793	—525	17.0
Hapoalim b	2564	11758	—525	17.0
Hapoalim op 7	22360	455	—3950	15.0
Hapoalim op 1	5240	2272	—930	15.1
Hapoalim sc 6	14540	14	—2570	15.0
Hapoalim sc 8	9920	57	—1750	15.0
General A	6553	2692	—1542	17.0
General op 6	34750	7	—6150	15.0
General op 8	12990	54	—1890	12.7
General sc 5	4500	276	+200	4.7
General 7	280	1271	+11	4.1
Leumi	1629	222465	—334	17.0
Leumi op 13	2500	4479	—450	15.3
Leumi sc 9	2260	814	—400	15.0
Leumi sc 11	622	8153	—100	13.9
OHH r	2285	350	—470	17.1
Finance Trade	2210	3012	—460	17.2
Finance Trade	1150	9	—235	17.0
Finance Tr. op	1835	8	—325	15.1
N. American 1	2648	5037	n.c.	—
N. American 5	1603	3167	n.c.	—
Danot 1.0		no trading		
Danot 5.0		no trading		
Danot sc 2		no trading		
First Int'l 5	471	10458	+19	4.2
FIBI		no trading		

Mortgage Banks

	Closing price	Volume IS1,000	Change	% change
Adanim 0.1	1260	29	—250	16.6
Gen Mortgage	2021	220	—260	11.4
Gen. Mortgage	2021	90	—260	11.4
Carmel r	1823	280	—80	4.2
Carmel op	840	127	—380	31.2
Carmel deb	117	1497	n.c.	—
Binyan	5676	s.o.1	—299	5.0
DevMortgage r	1260	1055	—68	5.1
DevMortgage b	1260	27	—66	5.0
DevMort. op	570	94	—131	18.7
Mishkan r	4089	824	—90	2.2
Mishkan b	4089	12	—90	2.2
Independence	1350	126	—150	10.0
Indep. op 1	2930	10	—10	.3
Tefahot p. r	3130	215	—345	9.9
Tefahot r	2975	3444	—700	19.1
Tefahot b	2975	53	—515	14.8
Tefahot op B	6800	70	—2400	26.1
Tefahot deb. 1	990	562	—390	28.3
Tefahot deb. 2	192	13177	—52	21.3
Menav r	252	1844	n.c.	—

Financing Institutions

	Closing price	Volume IS1,000	Change	% change
Shilton r	195	399	—3	1.5
Shilton op B	1200	—	—	—
Otzar Lat. r	956	698	—106	10.0
Otzar Lat. b	956	—	—106	10.0
Contractors C.	150	183	—20	11.8
Agriculture A	11000	2	n.c.	—
Ind Dev p r	8300	1	—2000	19.4
Clal Lease 0.1	416	24	+20	5.1
Clal Lease 0.5	246	76	+26	11.8
Clal Lease op B	342	59	+26	8.2
Clal Lease sc 1	545	450	+77	16.5

Insurance

	Closing price	Volume IS1,000	Change	% change
Aryeh r	530	196	n.c.	—
Aryeh op	350	8	—49	12.3
Aryeh sc 1	2490	1	+240	10.7
Ararat 0.1 r	800	18	—150	15.8
Ararat 0.5 r	335	80	—50	13.0
Reinsur. 0.1 r	625	5	—20	3.1
Reinsur. 0.5 r	300	120	—30	9.1
Reinsur. op 1	—	—	—	—
Hadar 1.0	188	309	—11	5.5
Hadar 5.0	150	315	—3	2.0
Hadar op 1	153	31	+2	1.3
Hassneh r	408	778	n.c.	—
Hassneh b	—	—	—	—
Hassneh op 3	—	—	—	—
Hassneh op 4	431	35	n.c.	—
Phoenix 0.1 r	1004	18	—178	15.1
Phoenix 0.5 r	610	9	—19	3.0
Hamishmar	350	388	+12	3.6
Hamishmar	310	908	n.c.	—
Hamishmar op	363	41	+11	3.1
Yardenia 0.1 r	540	22	—60	10.0
Yardenia 0.5 r	210	156	—25	10.6
Yardenia op 2	108	36	—27	20.0
Menora 1	900	14	+31	3.6
Menora 5	293	17	+3	1.0
Sahar r	1234	42	n.c.	—
Securitas r	468	201	n.c.	—
Zur r	1365	9	—60	4.2
Zion Hold. 1.0	432	55	—45	9.4
Zion Hold. 5.0	209	167	—20	8.7

Services & Utilities

	Closing price	Volume IS1,000	Change	% change
Galei Zohar 1	398	21	—20	4.8
Galei Zohar 5	200	5	+4	2.0
Galei Zo. op.1	85	44	—5	5.6
Data Mikun	255	49	+10	4.1
Delek r	1426	57	+40	2.9
Delek b	—	—	—	—
Harel 1	201	158	—9	4.3
Harel 5	102	12	—12	10.5
Harel op 2	31	19	—21	40.4
Lighterage 0.1	365	54	—25	6.4
Lighterage 0.5	199	274	—4	2.0
Cold Store 0.1	8415	1	—1485	15.0
Cold Store 1.0	3479	7	—71	2.0
Israel Elec. r	6100	1	+50	.8
Dan Hotels 1	480	25	—10	2.0
Dan Hotels 5	280	35	—6	2.1
Coral Beach	178	542	+2	1.4
Coral B. op 1	—	—	—	—
Hilan	370	134	+18	5.1
Hilan op	480	10	+30	6.7
Teta 1	194	6	n.c.	—
Teta 5	110	57	—5	4.4
Teta op	46	513	+2	4.6
Ya'ane	1670	691	—340	16.9
Ya'ane op	1170	744	—240	17.0
Clal Comp	490	83	—28	5.4
Clal Comp op	288	7	—104	26.5
Malal 1	724	36	n.c.	—
Malal 5	350	10	n.c.	—
Malal op	238	61	+17	7.7
Magor 0.1	190	75	n.c.	—
Magor 0.5	101	122	—6	6.9
Magor op 1	477	4	—152	24.2
Bond Ware 0.1	289	63	n.c.	—
Bond Ware 0.5	171	117	n.c.	—
Bond Ware op	106	154	+12	12.7
Jordan Hotel	144	181	—13	10.3
Jordan Hotel op	49	371	—2	3.9
Yahalom	85	51	n.c.	—
Yahalom op 1	40	30	—18	31.6
Nikuv 1.0	376	97	—20	5.1
Nikuv 5.0	180	217	—10	5.3
Nikuv op 1	149	20	—56	27.3
Consort. Hold.	155	160	—18	10.7
Consort. 0.5	100	211	—12	10.7
Consort. op B	126	—	—30	19.2
Consort. op C	75	—	—12	13.8
Kopel 1	380	5	n.c.	—
Kopel op	286	s.o.1	—19	6.2
Crystal 1	171	109	+9	5.9
Rapac 0.1	1120	—	—180	13.9
Rapac 0.5	250	53	—7	2.7
Supersol 2	1498	84	n.c.	—
Supersol op B	625	110	+14	2.3
Supersol op C	390	15	+30	8.3
Time 1	705	2	n.c.	—
Time op	438	231	n.c.	—

Land, Building, Citrus

	Closing price	Volume IS1,000	Change	% change
Oren	189	201	+9	5.0
Oren op 1	269	26	+23	9.4
Azorim Prop.	164	329	—14	7.8
Azorim r	192	725	n.c.	—
Azorim op D	330	—	—38	10.3
Azorim op E	124	137	—17	12.1
Eylon	73	50	—2	2.7
Amnonim 1	204	156	n.c.	—
Amnonim op	96	35	+13	15.7
Africa Isr. 0.1	8410	20	—945	10.1
Africa Isr. 1.0	7550	6	—839	10.0
Africa op 2	5415	6	—900	14.3
Arazim	122	71	—14	—14
Arazim op	59	50	—41	41.0
Arledan 0.1	373	113	+34	10.0
Arledan 0.5	153	697	+18	13.3
Ben Yakar 1	398	41	—10	2.5
Ben Yakar op	181	11	—8	4.5
Baranovitz 1	85	121	—9	10.0
Baranovitz 5	62	500	n.c.	—
Baranovitz op	50	50	—6	10.7
Dankner 1	155	195	—2	1.3
Drucker 1	270	354	+24	9.8
Drucker 5	151	99	+14	10.2
Drucker op	87	65	+15	20.8
Darad 0.1	264	23	—20	7.0
Darad 0.5	100	54	—17	14.5
Darad op 1	—	—	—	—
Darad op 2	260	6	—15	5.5
HLB 0.1	344	30	—6	1.7
HLB 0.5 r	115	390	—7	6.1
Property Bldg	2094	189	—20	1.0
Bayside 0.1	815	47	n.c.	—
Bayside 0.5	750	53	n.c.	—
Bayside op B	750	2	—120	13.8
ILDC r	1510	63	—180	10.7
ILDC b	2100	5	—540	20.5
ICP r	156	1147	—10	6.0
ICP 0.5	85	203	—8	8.6
ICP op 1	40	110	+1	2.6
Ispro r	213	596	—1	.5
Isralom	218	68	—24	9.9
Isras b	375	236	—18	4.6
Cohen Dev.	135	50	—25	15.6
Cohen Dev. op	70	55	—10	12.5
Lumir 1	97	400	—17	14.9
Lumir 5	61	422	—6	9.0
Lumir op 1	40	251	—3	8.1
Ma'agarei Beniy.	81	488	n.c.	—
Ma'agarei B op	55	348	+4	7.8
M.T.M. 1	2860	3	+260	10.0
M.T.M. 5	1404	15	n.c.	—
M.T.M. op 1	1240	1	+40	3.3
Mehadrin r	2180	23	n.c.	—
Modul Beton	490	13	+39	8.7
Mishmael 5	129	81	—13	9.1
Menrav	335	196	—10	2.9
Menrav op	147	145	+7	5.0
Mar-Lez 1	156	356	n.c.	—
Mar-Lez op	101	99	n.c.	—
Meshulam 1	250	26	n.c.	—
Meshulam 5	62	139	+7	12.7
Mesh. op 1	56	10	n.c.	—
Lifschitz 1	145	483	n.c.	—
Lifschitz 5	84	123	+2	2.4
Lifschitz op	56	200	—4	6.6
Neot Aviv	3973	32	—350	8.1
Nichsei Hadar	410	113	—27	6.2
Solel Bon. p. A	830	159	—149	15.2
Sahaf 1	368	14	—35	8.7
Sahaf 5	325	5	—23	6.6
Sahaf op	209	5	—55	20.8
Pri Or	730	18	n.c.	—
Pri Or op	329	18	—85	20.5
Caesarea 0.1	165	65	—5	2.9
Caesarea 0.5	61	573	—5	7.6
Rogovin 1	256	95	—30	10.5
Rogovin 5	256	10	n.c.	—
Rogovin op	77	7	—19	19.8
Rassco p.r	380	151	—39	9.3
Rassco r	373	168	—29	7.2
Rassco op	370	11	—21	5.4
Shenhur 5	93	133	+13	16.3

Industrials

	Closing price	Volume IS1,000	Change	% change
Agan Chem.	605	197	+130	27.4
Agan op 1	355	71	+59	19.9
Ofis 1	115	170	—21	15.4
Ofis op	60	60	—26	30.6
Baruch 1	400	62	+27	7.2
Baruch 5	310	—	—	—
Baruch op	183	—	—	—
Octagon	309	23	—37	10.7
Octagon op	200	2	—25	11.1
Urdan 0.1 r	1073	63	n.c.	—
Urdan 0.5 r	819	67	n.c.	—
Urdan op	750	15	+129	20.8
Attas 1	340	78	—21	5.8
Attas op	230	53	+26	12.8
Atlantic 1	53	132	—16	23.0
Atlantic op 1	30	83	—13	31.0
I.P. Building	140	299	+7	5.3
Elbit 3.0 r	24400	110	+4600	23.2
Elbit op	33590	8	+5507	19.6
Alumit 1	510	72	+66	14.9
Alumit 5	350	20	+45	14.8
Alumit op	450	—	+50	12.5
Alliance	190	149	—3	1.8
Alaska Sport 1	830	3	—10	1.2
Alaska Sport 5	355	10	—10	2.7
Alaska S. op 1	—	—	—	—
Elco 0.1	470	4	+144	44.2
Elco 0.25 r	233	40	+11	5.0
Elco 0.25 b	277	10	+25	9.9
Elco d 1	2055	3	n.c.	—
Alkol	281	97	n.c.	—
Alkol op 1	162	35	+24	17.4
Electra 0.1 r	1200	2	—274	18.6
Electra 0.5 r	620	171	n.c.	—
Electra op 3	1070	10	+50	4.9
Electra op 4	400	50	—66	14.2
Elron	31801	60	+5500	20.9
Clever Devices	94	286	+8	9.3
Clever Devices op	39	103	—11	22.0
Ondine 1	416	42	+69	19.9
Ondine 5	127	299	—12	8.6
Ondine op	54	110	—6	10.0
Eftan	83	98	+1	1.2
Eftan op	51	562	—9	15.0
Ackerstein 1	240	184	—30	11.1
Ackerstein 5	165	23	—35	15.9
Argaman p.r.	1020	—	—7	.7
Argaman r	961	2	n.c.	—
Aryt	1180	16	n.c.	—
Aryt op	1050	7	+70	7.1
Ata B 1.0	130	51	—39	23.3
Ata C 0.1	70	2271	—16	19.1
Tadir 1.0	238	10	—42	15.0
Tadir 5.0	180	23	—20	10.0
Tadir op 1	—	—	—	—
Bar-Ton 1	160	138	—39	19.6
Bar-Ton 5	60	223	—10	14.3
Bar-Ton op	32	100	—30	48.4
Goldfrost 1.0	165	195	—18	10.1
Goldfrost 5	60	991	—7	10.5
Goldfrost op	66	30	+11	20.0
Gal Ind 1.0	1299	24	—1	.1
Gal Ind 5.0	420	109	—21	5.3
Gal Ind. op 1	630	—	+116	22.6
Galil Tech 1	105	248	n.c.	—
Galil Tech op	60	33	n.c.	—
Dubek p r	1150	6	—50	4.6
Dubek p b	1095	4	+60	5.8
Delta Galil 1	275	1062	n.c.	—
Delta Galil 3	216	1049	n.c.	—
Delta Gal op 2	90	185	—15	14.3
Dafron 1	600	593	+40	7.1
Dafron 5	263	411	n.c.	—
Dafron op	260	467	+51	24.4
Dexter Chem.	147	197	+22	17.6
Dexter op A	58	112	—7	10.8
Fertilizer 0.1	475	8	—13	2.7
Fertilizer 0.5	260	344	+24	10.2
Fertilizer op	133	708	n.c.	—
Cables r	620	37	+22	3.7
Cables b	620	17	+17	2.8
United Spinners 1	203	537	—6	2.9
United Spinners 5	183	173	—6	3.2
United S op	100	846	—10	9.1
Hamaslul 1	180	359	+11	6.8
Hamaslul 5	107	268	+10	10.3
Hamaslul op	160	56	+30	23.1
Hatehof 1.0	351	42	+50	16.6
Hatehof 5.0	151	65	+3	2.4
Vitalgo 1	110	66	—32	22.8
Vitalgo 5	68	216	—10	12.7
Vardinon	270	105	+30	12.5
Vardinon op	200	14	+30	18.0
Zikit 1.0	461	315	—32	6.5
Zikit 5.0	70	156	—22	23.9
Zol-Kal 1	420	8	—40	8.7
Zol-Kal 5	367	—	—	—
Zol-Kal op	200	—	—39	16.3
Haman 1	119	120	—18	13.1
Haman op	75	10	—5	6.3
Is Can Corp 1	270	797	—30	10.0
Is Can Corps 5	290	4	—10	3.3
Sdom Metal	176	44	n.c.	—
Sdom Metal op	108	65	n.c.	—
Pri-Ze 1	70	27	—7	9.1
Pri-Ze 5	195	144	—5	2.5
Pri-Ze op	141	27	—10	6.6
Haifa Chemical	690	147	+99	16.8
Hamisha Yod	179	65	—13	6.8
Hamisha op	100	90	+10	11.1
Teva r	2140	99	+220	11.5
Teva b	2060	5	+160	8.4
Teva db 3	481	131	+81	20.3
Tempo 1.0	269	52	—1	.4
Tempo 5.0	181	15	—19	9.5
Tempo op 1	—	—	—	—
Tempo op 2	—	—	—	—
Tromasbest 1	695	1	—200	22.4
Tromasbest 5	652	1	n.c.	—
Trom. op 1	800	1	—50	5.9
Yaeh	230	75	—35	13.2
Yaeh op	270	7	+3	1.1
Yomar 1	903	—	—	—
Yomar 5	620	3	+10	1.6
Yitzhar 1	155	115	—10	6.1
Yitzhar 5	101	123	+10	11.0
Yitzhar op 1	—	—	—	—
ZionCables 1	930	50	n.c.	—
ZionCables 5	168	507	n.c.	—
ZionCables op	95	—	—45	32.1
Clal Electronics	695	319	+52	8.1
Lodzia 0.1	155	32	—17	9.9
Lodzia 0.4	69	1038	n.c.	—
Ligat	165	42	—10	5.7
Ligat op	97	1	n.c.	—
M.L.T. 1	300	73	+46	18.1
M.L.T. 5	126	2	+7	6.3
Modul Ind.	140	86	+6	4.9
Wolfman 1	560	11	—176	23.9
Wolfman 5	476	—	[illegible]	10.2
Molett B r	3197	—	—2128	40.0
Gilco 1	250	72	—27	9.8
Gilco op	142	39	n.c.	—
Man 1.0	770	2	+130	20.3
Man 5.0	339	47	n.c.	—
Man op	178	b.o.1	+17	11.3
Zika 1	605	—	—	—
Zika 5	580	—	—	—
Zika op 1	902	—	—	—
Dead Sea r	1060	275	+110	11.6
Kadumani 1	132	414	+12	10.0
Kadumani 5	107	206	+10	10.3
Kadum. op A	180	23	+50	38.5
AIPM r	5576	67	+929	20.0
Petrochemicals	149	3375	+14	10.4
Maquette 1	545	37	—56	9.3
Maquette 5	191	247	—4	2.1
Maxima 1	135	123	+4	3.5
Maxima 5	113	175	+6	6.1
Maxima op	85	497	+18	26.9
Nechushtan 0.	295	126	—30	9.2
Nechushtan 0.5	191	50	—21	9.9
Nechushtan op	60	23	—18	23.1
Neca Chem.	160	236	—14	8.1
Sano 1	610	37	+60	10.9
Sano 5	390	12	+36	10.2
Sunfrost	315	152	—30	8.7
Spectronix 1	940	60	+128	15.8
Spectronix 5	690	93	+68	10.9
Spec. op 1	980	—	+130	15.3
Scandia 1	155	260	—14	8.6
Scandia op	299	b.o.1	+15	5.3
Ayit 1	1640	65	+20	1.2
Ayit 5	1120	23	+20	1.8
Ayit op	1700	6	—155	8.4
Elite r	1560	25	+140	9.9
Assis	2091	12	+190	10.0
Arad r	188	163	—2	1.1
Arad op 1	128	71	—20	13.5
Feuchtwanger	326	1	—38	10.4
Feuchtwanger	245	4	—6	2.4
Feucht. op 1	110	20	+15	15.8
Polgat 0.1	3120	9	n.c.	—
Polgat 0.4	1570	78	—30	1.9
Polygon r	248	52	+18	7.8
Pollak 1	380	63	+16	4.4
Pollak 5	218	165	n.c.	—
Pollak op 1	151	1	+15	11.0
Pecker Steel	290	65	—36	11.0
Pecker opt	—	—	—	—
Pargod	100	383	—24	19.4
Pargod op	61	163	—16	20.8
Cyclone 1	362	170	+50	16.0
Cyclone 5	255	100	+28	12.3
Cyclone op	86	203	+9	11.7
Kedem Chem	223	17	n.c.	—
Kedem Chem op	146	12	+18	14.1
King 1	307	3	+12	4.1
King 5	210	39	+10	5.0
King op 1	122	44	n.c.	—
Klil 1.0	260	44	—31	10.7
Klil 5.0	141	227	—10	6.6
Katz Adler 1	330	12	n.c.	—
Katz Adler 5	308	—	—	—
Katz op	70	39	—13	15.7
Rim 0.1 r	700	32	—40	5.4
Rim 0.4 r	350	15	—30	7.9
Shildot	253	51	—38	13.1
Shildot op 1	207	—	—50	19.5
Schnellerna	533	124	—46	7.9
Shemen p.r	1200	10	—100	7.7
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T.A.T op 1	155	152	—16	9.4
Tagal 1	134	100	—19	12.4
Tagal 5	84	9	+17	25.4
Tagal op	45	34	n.c.	—
Tedea 1	554	87	+72	14.9
Tedea op	504	37	+80	18.9
Taya	358	84	+18	5.3
Taya op 2	160	2	+22	15.9
Taal B r	292	271	n.c.	—
Frutarom r	770	3	+50	6.9
Lachish 5	340	15	+30	9.7
Lachish 1	280	25	—10	3.5
Lachish op	485	2	+54	12.5
Rogosin 1	166	371	+7	4.4
Taro Pharm	172	71	+10	6.2

Investment & Holding

	Closing price	Volume IS1,000	Change	% change
Unico r	360	25	+30	9.1
IDB Dev r	4080	8151	—735	15.4
IDB Dev op 2	3800	239	—770	20.4
Incoba	130	245	+5	4.0
Incoba 0.5	86	636	n.c.	—
Elgar r	829	45	—260	23.9
Elgar b	930	14	—120	11.4
El-Rov 1	81	771	—2	2.4
El-Rov 5	64	150	+1	2.4
Ellern r	648	168	—10	1.5
Ellern b	655	169	n.c.	—
Amissar	4000	8	—500	11.1
Afik 1.0	5790	51	+25	.4
Afik 5.0	3920	12	+15	.4
Afik op	3125	27	—100	3.1
Central Trade	700	87	—60	7.9
Israel Corp 1	496	460	n.c.	—
Israel Corp. 5	302	138	+17	6.0
Inv. Paz r	1100	38	+25	2.3
Inv. Paz b	1185	2	+300	33.9
Wolfson 0.1	2400	5	+130	5.7
Wolfson 1 r	585	162	n.c.	—
Ampa r	562	76	—70	11.1
Ampa op 1	530	3	—270	33.8
Disc. Invest r	1630	1328	n.c.	—
Disc. Invest b	1650	12	n.c.	—
Disc. i d 135	4400	—	—	—
Hapoal. Inv r	4800	1918	—260	5.1
Hapoal Inv. b	4800	1	—260	5.1
Leumi In. r	1035	793	—110	9.6
Jordan Ex A r	209	471	+11	5.6
Jordan E. opt	21110	—	—	—
Jordan op 4	110	86	—10	8.3
Mizrahi Inv r	2500	187	—315	11.2
Mizrahi Inv. b	—	—	—	—
Mizrahi d. 122	310	179	—54	14.8
Mizrahi d 124	381	454	+11	3.0
Hidon 1	59	680	—6	9.2
Hidon 5	48	361	—3	6.7
Hidon op	30	304	—5	14.3
Clal Trade	423	94	n.c.	—
Clal Tr. op C	718	36	n.c.	—
Export r	460	42	+10	2.2
Export op	270	1	—40	12.9
Koor p.	172900	—	—	—
Clal Real Estate	111	2297	—	—
Clal op D	282	244	+2	.7
Clal Israel	1135	114	n.c.	—
Clal Israel 50	700	6	—20	—2.8
Clal Israel op	745	12	—130	14.9
Clal Industry	500	2358	+23	4.8
Clal Ind. op C	837	1092	+52	6.6
Landeco 0.1	340	33	—37	9.8
Landeco 0.5	270	236	n.c.	—
Landeco op	155	45	—10	6.1
Store Tech op	12	491	n.c.	—
Store Hold 1.0	75	683	—7	8.5
Sahar Hold 1.0	280	110	—8	2.8
Sahar Hold 5.0	232	164	n.c.	—
Oz Inv 0.1	530	50	—229	30.2
Oz Inv 0.5	120	36	—27	18.6
Pama 0.1	610	286	n.c.	—
Pama 0.5	285	1076	n.c.	—
Pama op 2	392	188	+30	8.3
Pama op 1	—	—	—	—
Piryon	430	585	n.c.	—

Fuel & Exploration

	Closing price	Volume IS1,000	Change	% change
Delek Explo. 1	190	91	+22	13.1
Delek Explo. 5	96	261	—12	11.1
Delek op 1	—	—	—	—
Oil E. Paz	800	175	n.c.	—
Teroil 1	152	79	+12	8.6
Teroil 5	70	173	n.c.	—
Teroil op 1	48	168	—5	9.4
JOEL	68	163	n.c.	—
JOEL op 1	44	303	n.c.	—
M.G.V. op	172	178	—17	9.0
M.G.V. 1	67	100	—7	9.4
M.G.V. 5	36	873	+3	9.1
Sismica 1	172	169	n.c.	—
Sismica 5	78	235	n.c.	—
Sismica op	52	310	—6	10.3
Fedoil r	200	39	+17	9.3
N. Amer. 1	102	53	—16	13.6
N. Amer. 5	70	164	—13	16.2
N. Amer. op	36	39	—10	22.3
Naphta	23100	—	+3000	14.9

New Listings

	Closing price	Volume IS1,000	Change	% change
General op 9	4810	133	+140	3.0
N American op	1030	541	—170	14.2
Eylon op 1	50	6	+5	11.1
Lipsky	380	411	—33	8.0
Lipsky op1	220	260	—30	12.0
Siv Tov	120	6	—129.1	
Yasur 1	298	675	—7	2.3
Yasur 5	298	667	—2	.7

Most active stocks

Leumi	1629	3,900,000m.	—334
Hapoalim (R)	2564	3,600,000m.	—525
Mizrahi (R)	1553	2,000,000m.	—318

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NEW YORK. — Recurring concerns about foreign debt caused severe selling pressure in bank stocks hat worked its way into the rest of the market and caused stock prices to close moderately lower yesterday.

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Secondary stocks also recovered, and overall declining issues led gainers by 9 to 5.

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Transport	593.28	+2.98
Utilities	139.06	+.24
Volume	85,880,500	

D.J. LIST

Alcoa	44¼	–⅜
Allied Chem.	57	–⅛
Amer Brand	57	+⅛
Amer Can	43	–⅛
Amer Exp	33⅞	+⅝
Amer T & T	61⅞	–⅜
Beth Steel	22	–⅛
Chrysler	29⅛	n.c.
Du Pont	53⅜	–½
East Kodak	70⅛	+½
Esmark	81⅛	–3¼
Exxon	39⅛	+⅛
Gen Elect.	51⅝	–1½
Gen Food	52	+⅛
Gen Motors	78⅛	+⅛
Goodyear	30⅝	–⅛
Intl Bus	128	+1
Intl Harv.	12⅝	–⅛
Intl Paper	51¼	⅝
Intl Nickel	14⅛	⅛
Owens	32½	+⅛
Procter Gam.	55½	n.c.
Sears	39½	+½
Std Oil Ca.	36½	⅛

Texaco	37½	+⅜
Union Carb.	65⅝	+½
United Tech	65½	–⅜
US Steel	28⅜	+¼
Westinghouse	48	–¼
Woolworth	37⅜	+⅜
GOLD & SILVER		
Gold Fix	394.50	+.25
Asa Ltd.	56⅜	+2⅜
Homestake	29⅜	+2⅛
ISRAEL SHARES IN NY.		
Amer Is Paper	7	–⅛
Ampal A	3⅜	–⅛
Ampal Pfd.	9⅜	10½
Alliance	5⅝	n.c.
Electronics Ord.	13	13½
Elron Ord	9½	10
Elron Pdf.	12⅜	12⅜
Elscint	16½	16⅜
Etz Lavud	20⅜	n.c.
IDB Ord	21	39
IDB Pfd.	18	21
Interpharm	5⅜	6
Laser Indus	15⅜	+⅛
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Voters and mayors

TODAY'S local elections may serve, in some important measure, as a gauge of national party preference.

This has in part been rendered inevitable by the Likud's recruitment of some of its heaviest cabinet guns in support of Likud mayoral candidates, in an attempt to mitigate the possible effect on the elections of the country's economic crisis. But the Alignment did not lag far behind, injecting party issues into the local campaigns, especially since the onset of the crisis.

One reason for the attempted linkage between state and local politics is that voters are generally expected to take but scant interest in their local affairs. Garbage disposal and urban transportation are supposed to take second place in voter awareness to war and peace, prosperity and employment. Thus, it is assumed, national figures are necessary to whip up local voter interest, by underlining the larger national stakes, as a means of getting the people to the polls.

In recent years, however, local administration has been looming constantly larger in the minds of Israelis, and the national party affiliations of mayoral candidates have become increasingly irrelevant. The introduction of personal elections of mayors (and heads of local councils) five years ago was an expression of this trend and it has, in turn, reinforced it.

A significant relic of the old system is the institution of party lists in city (and local) councils. But these lists are themselves often the personal emanations of the mayoral candidates, who stand above parties even when they are somehow associated with one of them. In any case, there is an increasing avowal of the principle that that candidate is best who can be expected — or who has shown himself able — to best administer his locality, and that he, or she, deserves council support.

Under the law, Israeli cities are still tightly controlled by the central government. Yet at a time of national budgetary stringency, townspeople increasingly turn for succour to their mayors; and when central government departments work at cross purposes, to the detriment of the individual citizen, it is the mayor, and the municipality that are supposed to coordinate their local activities.

Local elections seem easier to predict than national polls. Some of today's final results appear already to have been decided. This is notably true of the election of Teddy Kollek, Jerusalem's mayor for the past 18 years, a national — indeed, an international — figure who, at 72, is still full of vim and vigour. Mr. Kollek is closely associated, by his past and by his philosophy, with the Alignment, but his appeal goes far beyond party bounds.

His Likud adversary, Shlomo Toussia-Cohen, a well-known trial lawyer, is not given a chance.

Mr. Kollek is indeed a prime example of a municipal leader who deserves the widest possible backing by all citizens concerned with the welfare of their town.

Counting the damage

AFTER BEING closed for over a fortnight, to allow the authorities time to cushion the bank shares against a major crash, the Stock Exchange reopened yesterday morning. Promptly, bank shares lost 17 per cent of their nominal and over one-third of their real dollar value. The authorities sounded a note of relief, as though this did not amount to at least a mini-crash.

The result, it must be remembered, was obtained despite the fact that the Treasury contributed $150 million in support of bank shares. That amount alone would have sufficed to lift the country's universities out of their financial distress for several years.

The bank shares led all other stocks in a downward trend. This would not have been particularly alarming if there were any iron-clad assurance that bank shares have by now been sufficiently stabilized. But the assurance is lacking. Many businessmen, and private individuals, who earlier made the sale of their bank shares conditional on a nominal loss of no more than 15 per cent, many now decide to dump them.

Although it has been more-or-less officially reported that the Treasury would keep supporting the bank shares, even after today's election, this cannot be taken for granted. Thus prices may keep dropping further.

There is no certainty, of course, that they will. But it would be foolhardy to pretend, as is being done in some circles, that they cannot.

POSTSCRIPTS

P.S. THIRTY-EIGHT years ago, her head shaved and her face covered with spittle, Esther Alboy of Saint-Flour, France, fled to her parents home after being punished by angry neighbours for fraternizing with German soldiers.

Just this month, 17 riot police knocked down the door of the shuttered house and used teargas to force the 62-year-old woman into daylight for virtually the first time since the day she was dragged to the square and publicly humiliated.

They also pulled out her equally reclusive 48-year-old brother, Hubert, and the decomposed body of another brother, 60-year-old Remy. Officers estimated Remy had died of natural causes three years earlier.

Police broke into the house after neighbours complained of a gun being fired from one of its windows. Esther and Hubert were taken to a hospital for psychiatric tests.

Police described both the home and the surviving siblings as "filthy." The house was without electricity, gas, telephone or running water and was littered with trash.

Police said that when Esther returned home on the day in 1945 when self-appointed liberation committees had meted out their own brand of justice, her family decided that her shame was so great that she must never be allowed to appear in public again.

The entire family kept to themselves, and police speculated that over time Esther was no longer a prisoner but a willing participant in the family's general rejection of society. The father, a railroad employee, and his wife died about 10 years ago.

The siblings' only contact with the outside world was with the postman who delivered Remy's monthly 2,000 franc ($250) disability pension cheque and the grocer who brought food to their door every few weeks.

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THE JUBILATION and the despair that will follow today's elections will have a local impact only. Both commentators and professional politicians are likely to try to twist the results to their own advantage in an attempt to sway opinion in the forthcoming general elections.

The truth, however, is that the issues involved in local elections, and the system of voting, are different from those involved in national elections.

This difference is compounded by two decades of campaigning for the separation of local and national interests.

There was a time when such separation was unthinkable. The Israeli political system evolved from a mess of self-contained "movements," each acting as if it ran a private empire. Even the smallest party had its housing committee, its employment bureau, its security forum and, of course, its municipal section.

What was good for the tenants of a block in a remote suburb was decided by the leadership of the party. The notion that sewage, street lighting and shopping hours were local matters, best resolved by local men who knew local needs, was strenuously opposed by conservative party bosses.

When, not too many years ago, the politicians in the Knesset finally approved of the election of mayors by direct vote, they severely qualified this approval. A candidate had to win at least 40 per cent of the votes cast for mayor; and he would have no say in choosing his colleagues on the city council, which is elected according to party lists.

Personality contest

By SRAYA SHAPIRO

THE CASE for choosing a personality rather than a party is grounded in the fact that the head of a local authority has practically no power.

The rule was set by the British administrators 65 years ago, in line with the colonial practice of retaining control by the central authority in order to prevent the native practices of graft and politicization.

The political parties in independent Israel were only too happy to perpetrate this centralized practice.

A mayor in Israel is a sort of producer, a go-between, a pusher who gets things done by persuasion, argument, threats or personal example. He must resist the blandishments of politicians and citizens who have vested interests; his relations with the central government are usually strained — and the theory that a mayor has an easier time of it with a government led by his own party has been shown to be lacking in substance.

Dissatisfied employees may imprison the mayor in his office, as happened to Tel Aviv's Shlomo Lahat, or pelt him with stones, as happened recently to Jerusalem's Teddy Kollek.

But when a new housing project gets underway, or a swimming pool finally fills with water, it is because of the mayor's persistence, ingenuity and drive.

THE SYSTEM applied in municipal elections is a half-hearted compromise between the system of proportional representation by which the Knesset is elected and the regional polls (recommended by those seeking reform).

The verdict on the municipal compromise is not yet in. Parties may well choose an outstanding man to run a town — Gershon Agron was an exemplary mayor of Jerusalem, though he got his position by pure chance.

Moreover, voters often fail to see a good administrator — Mordechai Namir's success as mayor of Tel Aviv was largely due to the meticulous work of his deputy, Yehoshua Rabinovich. Rabinovich, however, lacked the ability to impose his personality on the public.

On the whole, though, it seems that the election of "personalities" has worked to the benefit of local authorities.

Which could spell havoc for proponents of reform: just imagine how a party machine would suffer if men with strong personalities won in general elections.

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THE BLUE AND WHITE sign outside Major Sa'ad Haddad's headquarters in Marjayoun reads: "IDF — Lebanon Liaison Unit — The Civil Administration."

Inside, where the IDF has taken over part of the bullet-scarred, ochre building for its new civil-aid headquarters, there are other features familiar to anyone who knows the West Bank or Gaza. There are "staff officers" in charge of law, health, finance, etc. — all along the lines of the IDF's model of military government.

RAED (MAJOR) Mohammed El-Haj, deputy commander of the Lebanese gendarmerie in the south, chooses his words with great care. Yet he is quite firm that he has little connection with the Israeli officers present in another wing of the Saraya, the pink-stone building in Sidon which serves as the Lebanese government's district office in the south.

The *raed* and his men wear Lebanese uniforms. The embossed symbol of the Cedar of Lebanon is prominent in the badges they wear, as Lebanese police, on their caps and breast pockets.

As far as they are concerned, their superiors are the Interior Ministry in Beirut, that is where their salaries come from.

IT IS TEMPTING to look for parallels between Israel's presence and involvement in the affairs of Southern Lebanon and the prolonged occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. It is already trite to refer to the area south of the Awali as Israel's "North Bank."

In fact, the reality is far more complex. Perhaps the only validity of the "North Bank" cliche lies in serving as some model of "autonomy" and in drawing attention to the dangers inherent in the IDF's control of an area containing 725,000 Lebanese who are only nominally under the sovereignty of what goes for the central government in Beirut.

At a meeting last month between Defence Minister Moshe Arens and senior military and civilian officials involved in Southern Lebanon, according to one participant, every speaker felt obliged to state that Israel has to find a way of getting out of Southern Lebanon.

Unease in Lebanon

By DAVID RICHARDSON

Those voices inside the Israeli security establishment who have been calling for closing the Awali river crossings to traffic to prevent the infiltration of sabotage material and hostile forces into Israel lines have clearly been strengthened in the wake of Sunday's massive bombings in Beirut.

But if southern Lebanon is shut off from the rest of the country, the IDF's already cool relations with the local population will become perhaps irreversibly tense. The past two weeks have already seen two violent clashes between Israeli soldiers and local residents in which three Lebanese were killed, over 10 injured, and several military vehicles burnt out.

"There is a difference in attitude. Unlike the West Bank, there is no ideological interest in Southern Lebanon," insisted Aluf-Mishne (Colonel) Sami Mutsaffi, the commander of the Liaison Unit during a recent visit.

"There is also a practical difference in the way things work. In Ramallah, the local military governor can remove the mayor, while I cannot get involved in local politics."

Mutsaffi, who concedes that he understands less about the complexities of Lebanon the longer he serves in the country, was also candid enough to admit that he and his staff have made mistakes.

A strike last June in Nabatiya, called by local Shia leaders to protest against the arrest by Israelis of one of their colleagues, was "broken" by the IDF in the same way similar problems are dealt with in the West Bank or Gaza. Every closed store was marked with a big "X" and the owners were informed that the army would not let them reopen.

"We realize that was a mistake and since then there has been no similar involvement, although we draw the line at violent demonstrations," he said.

ANOTHER MISTAKE was the dumping of cheap Israeli citrus on the local market, which harmed the local producers, he said. This was being stopped by Israeli controls at the border. The central government and the Lebanese producers were also complaining about other tax-free imports from Israel, but Beirut was not willing to establish a customs post at the Rosh Hanikra frontier because the Lebanese government still refuses to recognize the 1948 Armistice Line as a formal border.

Jean Berti, a port manager in Sidon, said that the little fishing harbour was also handling about 1,500 tons of cement imported from Cyprus each week. Other imports were livestock and some building steel from Turkey and Rumania, but no ships from Arab ports had docked.

According to Mutsaffi, the central Lebanese government has expanded its role in southern Lebanon over the past year, but he was doubtful that it could play a major role. He described the Lebanese district governor — a Druse official who is referred to as the *muhaffez* — as having no effect on the ground and was equally disparaging of the Lebanese army.

The central government did transfer funds for local projects and the IDF only involved itself when these were likely to affect troop movements and military positions.

In Sidon itself, some local government seems to be asserting itself. The main square and intersection in the dusty town has been rebuilt and landscaped with lawn and small palm trees. In the local municipality, two clerks were engaged in processing a census which will eventually facilitate the collection of municipal rates.

Mutsaffi also insisted that no one had any dealings with local judges or courts and that any coordination between the IDF and the local judicial system was conducted through the Lebanese District Attorney in Sidon.

The Israeli officer's most disparaging remarks were reserved for the local gendarmerie, which, he said, had become used to receiving salaries and not working. They were reluctant to get involved in any problems or anything that exposed them to any danger at all, he said.

RAED MOHAMMED EL HAJ, the deputy commander, said that the gendarmerie did work among all factions in Southern Lebanon, but when pressed, he admitted he had no jurisdiction over the Christian Phalange forces, which had moved south from Beirut, or over Major Sa'ad Haddad's militia. They were also not present or active in the Palestinian refugee camps, he said.

"We can't operate here with 100 per cent of the freedom we would like. If there was full Lebanese government things would be better." The Israelis tried to interfere in things that were in their interest, but this did not affect his work, he said.

He described the mood of the people as "half comfortable" and said that while most would like to see the IDF withdraw immediately, most realized that this was wishful thinking.

Neither Israel nor the local population seem to be able to adjust to a situation which neither wants to describe as temporary or permanent. The local population realize that Israel will insist on some say in Southern Lebanon, but at the same time the credibility of a determined and relentless Israeli presence in Lebanon has been severely compromised.

"Israel in no longer the winning side, and the forces that are emerging in the rest of Lebanon are now all linked to Syria," noted one well-informed observer.

Mutsaffi sees a danger in the IDF still being seen as the party for resolving conflicts between rival factions in the area.

"The danger is that we can get dragged further into the mud," said Mutsaffi.

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To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

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